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The First Part.

An Address from the Justices of the
Peace of the County of *Middlesex*,
as it was Ordered by the Court at
Hicks's-Hall, and Humbly Presented
to His Majesty by the Body of the
said Justices, on Monday the 18 of
April, 1681.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal
Subjects, your Majesties Justices of the
Peace for this your County of *Middlesex*,
having, by your Majesties Command, re-
ceived a Signification from the Right Ho-
nourable Sir *Leoline Jenkins*, by Letter dated the 15
of *April* instant, That it is your Majesties Pleasure we
should Depute some of our Body to wait upon the
Right Honourable the Lords of your Majesties most
Honourable Privy-Council, to propose Ways and Me-
thods for the putting in Execution, with Effect, the
Statute made in the 43 year of Queen *Elizabeth*; for
the Relief of the Poor, in pursuance of a Petition
heretofore by us Presented to your Majesty for that
end, have, with all readiness, obeyed your Majesties
Command, and have Deputed some of our Body to
wait upon the Lords. And as we cannot but with all
Humility acknowledge your Majesties transcendent
Goodness and Charity to the Poor, in Re-minding us of
our Duty for their Relief, so (with your Majesties
leave) we must presume to say, That we esteem our
selves obliged to lay hold on this seasonable Opportu-
nity, to make our further Humble Acknowledgment to
your Majesty, with all Gratitude, for that most Gracious
Declaration lately Published by your Majesties Com-
mand, by which your Majesty is pleased to put your
People in mind of the Miseries they endured (when
the Monarchy was shaken off) by those most Illegal
and Arbitrary Powers, (who most Tyrannically dispo-
sed of the Lives and Fortunes of your good Subjects
at their pleasures, and left them neither Religion, Li-

berty or Property;) And that your Majesty is Gra-
ciously pleased to give us your Royal Word to Govern
according to the Laws of the Kingdom, which cannot
but extinguish, and thereby quiet the Fears and Jealou-
sies of all rational and good Men, and we hope, bring
them to a right Sense of their Duty to your Majesty,
and their own Interest, and make them confident they
shall enjoy their Religion, Liberty and Property. And,
for our own parts, we do assure your most Sacred Ma-
jesty, it hath made so deep an Impression in us, that we
unanimously Resolve our Lives and Fortunes shall be at
your Majesties Service, for the defence of your Ma-
jesties most Sacred Person from danger (whom God
preserve) and for the preservation of the true Prote-
stant Religion, and your Majesties Government in
Church and State, as by Law established.

Per Cur' ADDERLEY.

A Protestant Petition and Address.

*To the Right Honourable Sir Patience
Ward Kt. Lord Mayor of the City of
London; And to the Right Worship-
ful the Aldermen his Brethren.*

The humble Petition of us whose Names are
here Subscribed, and of many thousands
of the most Eminent Citizens and Inhabi-
tants of the City of *London*, His Majesties
Loyal Subjects.

Sheweth,

THat your Petitioners being deeply sensible of the
many Instances which they have had the honour
to receive, of His Majesties Princely Goodness and
Bounty; and more particularly, in His Royal Assuran-
ces of a full Resolution to have Frequent Parliaments;
and both in, and Out of Parliament, to use his utmost

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Endeavors to extirpate Popery; to redress all the Grievances of His Good Subjects; and in all things to Govern according to the Laws of the Kingdom: which His Sacred Majesty hath been Graciously pleas'd, with a most Expres Solemnity, to promise, and to publish unto the World in His late Princely Declaration.

In the Contemplation of a Goodness so ample and so effectual, that there is nothing further wanting toward the composing of Mens minds; the creating of a right Understanding betwixt His Majesty and His Liege People; and (under God's Providence) toward the Establishment of a distracted Nation, in Agreement, Peace and Plenty; saving only the Dutiful Return of Veneration and Obedience, from the Subject, in acknowledgment of the Fatherly Tenderness of so Indulgent a Sovereign.

Your humble Petitioners cannot but in Reverence and Gratitude declare, That We are Unanimously resolved to lay our Lives and Fortunes at His Majesties Feet, in defence of His Sacred Person, against all Opposition whatsoever; and in the maintenance of the Established Religion, and the Government both of Church and State, as it is settled by Law; pursuant to the Tenor of His Majesties Royal Declaration, and the Duty of all Loyal Subjects.

May it therefore please your Lordship, and this Honourable Court, to present This our Humble Address, Declaration and Resolution, to His Most Gracious Majesty, in such manner as unto You shall seem meet:

And your Petitioners (as in Duty bound) shall ever pray.

The Address from the Borough of PORTSMOUTH.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious and dread Sovereign,

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of Your Majesties Borough of *Portsmouth*, having heard Your Majesties Princely and Gracious Declaration published amongst us, wherein Your Majesty hath most justly recounted the Miseries Your Subjects lay under in the time of the late accursed Usurpation, and have most Graciously Declared upon Your Royal Word, That the Laws of this Your Majesties Kingdom shall be the Rule of Your Government, do with all Humility, and hearty Loyalty, that the most Faithful and Obedient Subjects can express to the most Benigne and Gracious Sovereign, render Your Sacred Majesty our most hearty and humble thanks; Yea, our Hearts and Souls are filled with Joy and Thankfulness, for that your Declaration and Gracious Assurance, which we hope will, and most heartily desire, may dispell all the clouds of Fear and Jealousie, which evil Men for their compassing their Hellish and Mischievous Designs have raised amongst Your Majesties good Subjects, and may be a means to convince all indifferent Men, that their Liberty, Religion and Property, are so inseparably annexed to, and bound up in and with Monarchy and Obedience to Your Majesties Government, that whosoever endeavours the disturbance of the one, aims at the diminution of the other, and consequently would ruine both together. And we do also with the same Duty and Affection assure Your Majesty, that we will every one of us spend our Lives, and the small Fortunes God hath given us, in the Defence of Your Majesties Sacred Person and Government, against all attempts and dangers whatsoever, and the Protestant Religion as it stands now

Establisht in the Church of England; and we also hope that all good Men will agree with us in this Assurance, and also will join with us to Pray, That Your Majesties days may be long and prosperous, Your Name and Honour Great and Illustrious throughout the World; That Your Temporals may be turned into Eternals, and your lasting Felicities may be Crowned with Everlasting Glories.

The Address from the Borough of WINDSOR.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Bayliffs, and Burgesses of this your Majesties Ancient Burrough of *New Windsor*, seriously reflecting on the exceeding great Felicity which we and all your Majesties good Subjects enjoy, by your Majesties most Gracious Reign over us, and principally in Maintaining, Continuing and Cherishing among us the true Protestant Religion, by Law Establisht; And in condescending to give us fresh Assurance thereof by your Majesties late Gracious Declaration: Do, in all sincerity, return your Majesty our most humble and unfeigned Thanks for the same, not doubting your Majesties Perseverance in those your great and pious Resolutions, beseeching your Majesty to believe, that we are firmly resolved to stand by your Majesty with our Lives and Fortunes, in the maintenance of your Majesties just Rights, your Heirs and lawful Successors, and the Government both in Church and State now Establisht, against all Opposition whatsoever.

And whereas several of the Inhabitants of this Burrough (contrary to our Inclinations) have dissented from us in several Transactions of the Burrough, and have not rendered that due Respect and Obedience unto your Majesty, as they ought, yet we Humbly hope the same shall not reflect upon us, and for the future we shall use our utmost endeavours upon all occasions to confirm them in their Loyalty to your Majesty, and to a true Conformity to the Church, as it is now Establisht; and that we shall continue our Prayers to Almighty God for the Preservation of your Majesties Sacred Person, and long and prosperous Reign, that all the Machinations and Devices of wicked and impious Men, against your Majesty and your Government, may be confounded and brought to nought; That your Majesties Honour may Flourish, and we with all your Majesties good Subjects and our Posterities, may be Partakers of so great a Blessing: And that in the mean time, we may peaceably Acquiesce in all the Acts of your Majesties Royal Government. And (as in Duty bound, and by Inclination bent) ever continue to be

Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects.

The Humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs, Bayliffs and Burgesses of the Town and County of *Southampton*, in Common-Council Assembled the sixth day of May, Anno Domini 1681.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty,

Although we have had sufficient Assurances of your Majesties great Care for preservation of our Religion and Liberties at Home, and securing our Peace Abroad, by the happy exercise of your Majesties Government thus long over us; yet we are more fully con-

confirmed therein by your Gracious Declaration this day published at our general Sessions of the Peace for this Town and County, wherein you vouchsafe to manifest your Resolution not only to maintain our Religion as it is now Established by Law, and to endeavour the extirpation of Popery, but to protect our Liberties and Properties from all Arbitrary incroachment, by making the Laws the Standard of your own Government, and a Limit to all others.

The deep Sence of which Princely Favour and Royal Condescension, hath so fully satisfied and composed the Minds, even of the meanest of your Subjects (many of whom the Mis-reports and Practices of ill Men, and numerous spawn of Faction's Libels had much distracted) That it hath begotten in us a perfect acquiescence in the whole conduct of your Affairs, and obliged us to take this opportunity of paying our most Humble Thanks for your Princely Protection of us both at home and abroad.

And here we cannot but render our most Humble and Particular Thanks for your Majesties great Care and Charge in the miraculous preservation of *Tangier*: by which the chief Trade now left us (since the Prohibition of French Goods) receives much Security and Encouragement.

Therefore with all Gratitude and Cheerfulness, we prostrate our Lives and Fortunes at your Sacred Feet, Declaring (as in Duty and Allegiance bound) our Resolution to adhere firmly to your Majesty, in the Defence of your Royal Person, Crown and Dignity, and Lawful Successors, and the Protestant Religion, as now by Law Established, against all Popish, Phanatical, Ambitious, and Antimonarchical Parties whatsoever, that shall endeavour to disturb the Peace of Church and State, and precipitate us again into the dismal miseries of a Civil War, and enslave us to the insupportable Tyranny of an Armed Multitude: From which, as your Majesties Happy Restauration hath once delivered us; so we hope your long Life (which God grant) and the maintenance of your just Prerogatives, and the Fundamental Laws, will still secure us.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of Your most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects of the City of Hereford.

May it please Your Most Sacred Majesty,

Since we are very sensible that no Age hath ever yet produc'd any Prince that hath with more Justice, Goodness and Mercy, sway'd the Scepters of the Three Kingdoms, (Blessings which our Forefathers never had in a more eminent degree of Perfection, and all other Nations never yet knew) We conceive it our Duty to manifest to your Majesty and all the world, our just value and grateful apprehensions of the Happiness we enjoy under the Best of Kings, and most Upright of Governments: And however some ill Men, to accomplish their black designs, by attempting to subvert the Government, slyly insinuate to the Credulous People, causeless Fears, and false Jealousies of Arbitrary Power growing upon us, yet the Publick Manifestations your Majesty hath at all times given to your People of your Governing by the Laws of the Land, and by no other Method (which we find your Majesty holds to inviolably, and maintains as Sacred) keep us as safe from such mean apprehensions, as we are secure from the dismal Effects of such a way of Government, which we have no cause to suspect, unless it be from those that suggest it, nor from them neither, till they have subverted a well temper'd Monarchy, and introduc'd their belov'd Tyrannical Republick. We cannot but with all humble Duty,

Loyal Gratitude, and Excess of Joy, observe your Majesties constant Endeavors to give Satisfaction and Ease to the minds of your Majesties Subjects, not only in your strict Adherence to and Favor of the True Protestant Religion, but more especially in your late Declaration, which cannot but stop the Mouths of the Seditious and Factions, preserve from Apostacy the doubtful, and confirm the Loyalty of your best settled Subjects; And that your Majesty may see that we are not poison'd, or likely to be so by any Seditious or Faction's Designers, we do unanimously and heartily assure your Sacred Majesty, that we will stand by your Majesty in the preservation of your Person, your Heirs and lawful Successors, and the Government in Church and State, as it is now by Law Established, with the last drop of our Blood, and penny of our Fortunes; and shall be ready on all occasions cheerfully to give you such large Assurances, as (join'd with the proportionable Supplies of other your Majesties Loyal Subjects) may make your Government Great and Easy to your Self at Home, and valued and feared by all your Allies and Neighbors Abroad. We humbly beg your Sacred Majesty to give a Gracious Acceptance to the steady Resolutions of Us your most Obedient and Loyal Subjects, which no Time, no Treachery, no Power, no Fraud or Faction, shall ever make Us Decline or Alter.

*Your Majesties most Humble,
Loyal and Obedient Subjects and Servants.*

An Address from the Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs and Common-Council of the City of Gloucester.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Most Sacred Majesty,

VVE your Majesties most Humble, Loyal, and Obedient Subjects, out of a deep Sence of your Most Princely Tenderneſs, and Transcendent Care for Us, and all your good Subjects, as well in respect of our Religious, as Civil Concerns, do make this our most Humble and Faithful Address, returning all possible Gratitude for your Majesties Most Gracious late Declaration, which hath, like a Flood of Goodness, issued from your Royal Heart towards all your Subjects, whereby all Men that have not wilfully blinded their Intellects, may be abundantly satisfied of your Majesties Fatherly Love to Us all.

We cannot but remember by what Frauds and Machinations the Subjects of this your Majesties Realm, in the late Times, were beguiled, and under pretext of Religion, (and particularly this City, of which there was a most deserved Infamy brought upon us by men of Seditious Principles, the Dregs of which still remain always watching to disturb our Peace, cheated into a Rebellion, the Consequences whereof, was a sad Devastation of all, and the Loss of the Best of Kings. And we have reason to believe, the same deadly Poison was again preparing, and had certainly been given, had not God put it into your Majesties Heart timely, and most prudently, to prevent it.

As therefore we are bound to glorifie God for his Mercy, so we make our most humble and grateful Acknowledgment to your Majesty, for your most intent Vigilance to save Us from so portentous a Storm; and do therefore, with all Humility and Faithfulness, prostrate our selves, at your Majesties Feet, solemnly vowing before God, and the whole World, That we are and will be ready, to the last drop of our Blood, and mite of our Estates, to stand by and defend your most Sacred Person, your lawful Successors, and the just Laws by which you govern both in Church and State.

The God of Heaven and Earth, by whom Kings Reign,
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Bless you with length of Days, Health, and all affluence of wealth, establish your Sacred Person in the Hearts of your People, Dissipate your Enemies, and Confound their Devices; and let the Scepter of *Great Britain* be sway'd by you, and your lawful Successors, to the end of Time.

*An Humble Address from the Mayor and Aldermen
of LYNN-REGIS.*

WE your Majesties Obedient Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council, and other the chief Inhabitants of your ancient Borough of *Lynn Regis* in the County of *Norfolk*; in all Loyalty and Dutifull Reverence, do give your Majesty our Humble and Hearty Thanks for your Royal Affection, and Continuance to the Excellent Constitution of the Church of *England*, and constant care to defend it against the ill designs of Popery, and all other Oppositions whatsoever; for your firm Resolution, to maintain both the Just Rights of the Monarchy, and the Liberty and Property of your People; particularly, for your late gracious Declaration, and those Instances of your Princely Goodness, and Condescensions contained therein, which we think sufficient to allay the Fears, and remove the Misunderstandings of all well-meaning and reasonable Men; and with-Gratitude to your Majesty, we account our selves highly obliged to praise Almighty God for the manifold Blessings we enjoy from, and under your Majesties Government, exercised with great Justice, Wisdom, and Clemency; Wherefore, as Religion and Allegiance engage us, we, in a deep and grateful fence, of your Princely Grace and Favour, Beseech the King of Kings, that he will Grant your Majesty a long and prosperous Reign; and to our utmost we shall endeavour with our Lives and Fortunes, the preservation of your Royal Person, and the support of your Royal Authority.

The Humble Address of the Grand Jury, for the Town and Borough of SOUTHWARK, at the general Sessions of the Peace, holden there on Monday the 16th of May, 1631.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

DREAD SIR,

WE your Majesties truly Loyal and Dutifull Subjects, the Grand Jury of this your ancient Borough, having first Humbly begged your Majesty to believe, that our apprehensions of the Happiness we enjoy, through your Majesties Princely Care and Paternal Affection towards us, have always been such as become the best Subjects to Entertain under the benigne influences of the most Propitious and indulgent Monarch, do further implore your Majesty to accept of our most prostrate acknowledgments of the Royal Grace and Favour of your Majesties late Declaration, and to permit us to Express how sensible we are of our living under the most desirable Government in the world.

The Protestant Religion as Established by Law is so dear to us, and our condition by the Provision of the stated Laws of the Kingdom is rendered so easie, that though we have ever hitherto in all Duty rested silently satisfied in your Majesties zeal for both; yet now, if it may please your Majesty, we can no longer forbear to Declare to your Majesty, and Publish to all the World, our gratefull Sense of your Majesties so solemn, so condescending and so gracious a Publication of your Reso-

lutions to Maintain the one, and Rule by the other thereby removing all the just fears and jealousies that might arise from the Practices of undermining Papists and factious Republicans.

Your Majesties Gracious Promise of calling Frequent Parliaments, is so transcendent an Obligation upon us, who are resolved to be the same Loyal Subjects in the Intervals of Parliaments, as during their Sessions; whenever your Majesties Wisdom and Pleasure shall appoint an Election, we shall take all possible care to choose such Representatives, as shall comply with your Majesties Designs of extirpating Popery, maintaining the Established Religion of the Church of *England*, and who shall likewise be ready to support your Majesty with such Supplies as the Dignity of the Crown, and the necessities of the Government shall require.

Your Majesty is pleased to remind us of the late Rebellion, in a manner so obliging, and for an end so good, as gives a most undeniable Testimony of your Majesties generous Oblivion of the Injustice therein done to your Self; and that your Royal Memory retains only a compassionate impression of the Miseries thereby brought upon your Subjects, so that should we not now yield our selves up as the Conquest of your Majesties Goodness, and sit down contented with our own Happiness, but contrary to all your Majesties Desires and Counsels, fall into the like Guilt and Mischiefs again, we should be not only the most ungrateful, but the most unpitied People in the World. And therefore as we your Majesties ever Loyal Subjects do for our parts with Shame and Sorrow reflect upon the former miscarriages and calamities, and with the utmost detestation and horror tremble at the thoughts of ever seeing the like a second time; so we doubt not but that Multitudes of deluded and misled Men have upon the occasion of your Majesties Declaration, so effectually considered and recollected the several steps and advances by which they were betrayed into those confusions, as to be by this time fully convinced, that true and steady Loyalty is the surest foundation of the Kingdoms Felicity.

To this Maxime we Declare, that we do at present firmly stand, and that by it we will always act, beseeching your Majesty to be assured, that our Lives and fortunes lie at your Royal Feet, and that we will upon all occasions, be ready to Sacrifice them, both in defence of your Majesties Sacred Person, and the Established Government of Church and State.

Signed by the said Grand Jury.

*An Address from the Lieutenantcy of the City of
LONDON:*

To the Kings Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Petition of your Majesties most dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Commissioners of the Lieutenantcy, and of the Officers, Citizens and Soldiers of the several Regiments and Companies of the Militia and Trained Bands, within your City of London, and the Suburbs and Liberties thereof

Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioners being infinitely satisfied with your Majesties most gracious and firm Resolutions of using your utmost endeavours to preserve the Government as it is now by Law Established both in Church and State, sufficiently made known and secured to us, and to all other your Majesties Dutifull, Loyal and Obedient Subjects, by your late most Gracious Declaration published for that purpose, gives us Encouragement with all Duty, Loyalty, and Submission,

mission, humbly to beg leave to tender to your most Sacred Majesty our most humble and hearty thanks for the same, and to give you a perfect assurance, that we are unanimously resolved to venture our Lives and Fortunes for the preservation of your Majesties Life (which we pray God long continue) and for the maintenance of the Government, as it is now by Law Established both in Church and State, in opposition to, and defiance of all the Enemies and opposers thereof, of what Sort or Sect soever.

*And your Petitioners, as in Duty bound,
shall ever Pray, &c.*

*A Second Address from the Justices of the County of
MIDDLESEX.*

WHereas a Printed Paper hath been shewed to the Justices in Sessions, Entituled, *The Humble Petition of the Grand-Jury of the County of Middlesex*, and directed to the Honourable Sir Francis Pemberton, Knight, Lord Chief Justice of the Kings Bench, and to the rest of the Honourable Judges of that Court, wherein there are some expressions not at all becoming the Duty of Loyal Subjects to their Sovereign, the said Justices, of which number there were no less than seventeen of the Hundred of Ossulton then present, have thought it their Duty, and do Declare, That upon Enquiry they find, That that Petition was presented only by the Jury returned for the Hundred of Ossulton, and not by the Grand Jury, Sworn and returned for the Body of the whole County, there being three Juries then returned; and that therefore they must express their dislike to the Contents of that Petition, (as not the Sense of the County) they well-knowing, that the time for Calling and Sitting of Parliaments is the Kings Prerogative, and the Law of the Kingdom; and that his Majesty is the only Judge when to call them, and how long they shall sit; and that it is as unreasonable for His Majesties Subjects to Direct His Majesty in that particular, as it would for His Majesty to confine His Subjects when they shall Sow or Reap their Corn.

We Your Majesties Justices, Humbly beg Your Majesties Pardon, that we have presumed to give Your Majesty the Trouble of this Paper, but we did esteem it a Duty incumbent upon us, to let Your Majesty and Your whole Kingdom see, That Your County of Middlesex did no ways comply with the opinion of those, who presented that Petition; but on the contrary, they do acquiesce in Your Majesties Wisdom in the Administration and Exercise of your Majesties Government, which we shall be always ready to support with our Lives and Fortunes.

The Humble Address of the City of BRISTOL, ordered at the general Sessions held there the 2 of May, to be presented to His Majesty.

Our ordering at the Quarter-Sessions the Publication of His Majesties Royal Declaration touching the Causes moving him to Dissolve the two last Parliaments; and at that time expressing our unanimous Consent, and great satisfaction therein: As also our full Concurrence with the Address of the Grand Jury, thereupon delivered into the Court the 18th of April last past, which we look upon to be but a secret and undiscerned acknowledgment for so Signal a Grace and Favour, vouchsafed by His Sacred Majesty to all His Liege Subjects, in that unparalleled Gracious Declaration, Do, as a farther Testimony of our most exalted Sense

of His Majesties Grace and Goodness, imparted to His Majesties Subjects therein; As also of the great Felicity and Happiness we and all His good Subjects do enjoy under His most admirably Wise, Regular, and Gracious Government. Do Return our real, unfeigned, and hearty acknowledgments to His most Sacred Majesty, under whose most excellent Conduct, all good men think themselves safe in the enjoyment of their Religion, Liberties and Properties, for the preservation whereof, there can no greater Security be had or hoped for, than the Laws of the Kingdom, and His Majesties Royal Word to Govern by them, whilst the Designs of ill men labour the Subversion of all, under the specious Pretence of Reformation, though by the same Methods that brought to pass all the Miseries of Usurpation and Tyranny that this Kingdom lately groan'd under.

Nor ought we to be less thankful to His Sacred Majesty, for the assurance he hath given His People to extirpate Popery, redress Grievances, and to Govern according to Law; than that he is Graciously pleased to mention the calling of frequent Parliaments; which Counsel added to the Crown, will in all likelihood produce the good Effects of removing Fears, detection of all Plots and Machinations whatsoever, Preservation of His Majesties Royal Person, Protection of the Church established, from the Malice of her Popish and Schismatical Enemies, the greatest Felicities we can be blessed with.

And that our Zeal may not be wanting for the accomplishment of such good purposes, we do conceive our selves bound in Gratitude to his Majesty, as well as by our Duty and Allegiance; and are stedfastly resolved to maintain and support His Majesty and His lawful Successors, in all his and their Rights and Prerogatives, and our Religion established, with the utmost expense of our Lives and Fortunes. And to the end that these our Resolutions might not only remain a Testimony against us, but redound to the Shame and Dishonour of our Posterity, If any should err herefrom (which God forbid) We do order that these our Sentiments and Resolutions be entered into the Records of our Sessions, with this Petition to God Almighty, That he will set down length of days on His Majesties Right Hand, and on his Left Hand Riches and Honour, preserving His Royal Person, and our Religion Established against His and its Enemies.

An Humble Address to His Majesty from the Burrough of Haslemere in SURREY.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Excellent Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Bayliff and Burgeesses of Your Majesties ancient Burrough of Haslemere in the County of Surrey, having with infinite satisfaction read Your Majesties most Gracious Speech to Your Parliament at Oxford, on the one and twentieth day of March last: and also having heard Your Majesties like Gracious Declaration touching the Causes and Reasons that moved Your Majesty to Dissolve the two last Parliaments, according to Your Majesties Order Read publicly in our Chappel on Sunday, being the 8th day of this instant May, did thereupon warn a Meeting of all the Members of the said Burrough in our Common-Hall or Chamber, on this present 10 day of May, 1681.

Where it was by us (whose Names are here under Subscribed) unanimously agreed to render unto Your Majesty our most Humble Thanks for Your said Gracious Speech and Declaration; and that Your Majesty

hath in both so solemnly Declared, not only, that Your Majesty will never use Arbitrary Government (which as we had no cause to fear, so neither had we thereof any jealousy) but also that Your Majesty is resolved not to suffer it in others; That the known and established Laws of this Your Kingdom, shall be the Rule of Your Majesties Government; And also that it is Your meaning they should be the Measure for all Men acting under Your Majesties Authority; And that Your Majesty thinks not fit to consent to a Law that shall establish another Civil War, or make it necessary to maintain a standing Force, whereby to preserve the Peace of your Majesties Kingdoms.

For all which we do hereby render our most hearty and humble Thanks unto your Majesty; and we do most humbly assure your Majesty, that we shall take all possible care when your Majesty shall think fit to call another Parliament, to send such Members from our Borough, as we shall have good assurance are cordially and zealously affected to your Majesties Person and Family, and also to the Government Ecclesiastical and Civil, as it is now by Law established: And we humbly beg your Majesties Gracious Acceptance of this our Dutiful Address from the Hands of Sir William Moore Baronet, George Woodrooff, Esq; our late Burgeffes, and James Gresham of Haslemere Esq;

An Humble Address from the Town of WIGAN.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

WE your Majesties most Dutiful Subjects, the Mayor, &c. having heard the Tenor of your Majesties most Gracious Declaration published in our Parish Church, in Obedience to your Majesties Command, cannot but express the satisfaction we receive from the said Gracious Declaration; wherein after all the frequent and repeated assurances to the People both in Parliament, and out of your Royal intentions, to preserve inviolable the Rights and Constitutions of the Government, both in Church and State, with the just Liberties, and legal Privileges of your Subjects, your Majesty hath been Graciously pleased by the Declaration of your Royal Will in the Presence of God in our Sacred Assemblies, to manifest the Religious sincerity of your Most Gracious intentions: Wherein as we do cordially and cheerfully acquiesce, so we cannot but Declare (with our grateful acknowledgment of your Majesties Grace and Favour therein) our esteem of it, as a sufficient and satisfactory ground to us, (and we hope to all good Subjects) to allay those causeless fears and jealousies wherewith designing and ill-meaning Men, have endeavoured to possess the minds of your People; and as we are intimately sensible of your Majesties great care and watchfulness for the preservation of the Government, the security of our Peace, and the establishment of Religion (as now professed, and by Law established in the Church of England) so are we now more than ever convinced of your Majesties profound Wisdom and Counsel, to choose the most suitable Methods to the attainment of such great ends; and do cheerfully depend upon your Majesties great Judgment (as it is your sole Prerogative) to Assign the fittest time when to meet your People in Parliament, and compleat those most Gracious intentions mentioned in your late Declaration.

For which, as we look upon our selves as bound in Duty to return your Majesty our humble Acknowledgments, and hearty Thanks, so we are willing to take this opportunity to Present it to your Sacred Majesty; together with the Assurance of the unshaken Loyalty of this your Corporation,

And though others have Addressed your Majesty more early, yet none ever shall go before us in all Dutiful Allegiance to your Majesty, and Fidelity to the Royal Line, and a firm Adherence to the true Protestant Religion of the Church of England. In defence of all which we are ready and resolved to sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes, as well against the treacherous Designs of Papists, as the restless endeavours of Faction and Schismatical Dissenters. Your Majesty has been pleased to own the Loyalty of this ancient Corporation, and immediately after your Happy Restauration, did set a Mark of your Royal Favour upon it: And we are humbly bold to assure your Majesty of our firm Adherence to the same Principles of Allegiance and Loyalty, and whenever your Princely Judgment shall think fit to Summon another Parliament, we shall endeavour to make choice of such Representatives, as shall most cheerfully concur with your Majesty for the Support of the Government, and the Preservation of your Majesties Sacred Person, and the Security of the Protestant Religion, as it is now by Law Established.

And as we lay this hearty Acknowledgment at your Sacred Feet, Humbly begging the Acceptance of our sincere intentions, so do we earnestly beg of God the long continuance of your Majesties Sacred Life (in which is bound up all that is near and dear to us) that so we may many years enjoy the happy Influence of your great Wisdom and Counsel.

An Address from the City of NEW-SARUM.

May it please Your Most Excellent Majesty,

WE your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Assistants of your Majesties City of New-Sarum; being this day in Common-Council Assembled, and taking into our serious Consideration, your Majesties most Gracious Declaration, which was Read and Published in the Cathedral and Parochial Churches of this City on Sunday last past: Do think it as well our Duty, as it is our Inclination, to take the first opportunity of unanimously Presenting to your Sacred Majesty, our most Humble Thanks, That (in the Place, and at the time of enjoying our Religious Worship established by Law, and supported by your Majesties Royal Protection) your Majesty is pleased (in the presence of God) to renew to us, all those often repeated Assurances which your Majesty hath given us, of extirpating Popery from amongst us, (to which end we cannot but take notice with all Dutiful Satisfaction; That your Majesty hath newly issued out your Commands, for a strict execution of the Laws both Ecclesiastical and Civil, in order thereunto) As also of Redressing all our Grievances, and of Governing according to the Fundamental and Established Laws of this Kingdom; whereof (notwithstanding the groundless Insinuations of ill meaning Men to the contrary) All reasonable and sober Men are, and ought to be most entirely convinc'd.

Nor may we forbear most Humbly taking notice, of your Majesties indefatigable Care and Pains for the Preservation of *Tangier*, in the midst of so many great Streights and Difficulties; by supporting with Supplies out of your Majesties own Stores, a City of Christians amongst Mahumetans, of that Importance to Trade, and in that extremity of danger to be lost, which nothing but God Almightyes Goodness, assisting your Princely Undertaking, could possibly effect; and for which, our Posterity, as well as our selves, will ever be oblig'd to praise God.

And we do on our parts, most Humbly Beseech your Majesty to be assured, of our sincere, and perfect Acquiescence under your Majesties most Gracious Govern-

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veniment; of our equal and impartial Detestation of all Popish and Phanatical Principles and Parties, tending to Sedition and Rebellion; and of our resolute and stedfast Adherence to your Majesties Government, both in Church and State, as now by Law Established.

In defence whereof, and of your Majesties most Sacred Person (whom God long preserve) we do with humble confidence, most cheerfully offer to your Majesty, the Command of our Lives and Fortunes; and that not only out of an entire and sealed Principle of Allegiance, but also out of a deep Sence, that in the Preservation and Security of your Sacred Majesties Life, and just Prerogative, all our Lives and Liberties do consist.

An Address by the City of ROCHESTER.

To the Kings Most Excellent Majesty.

WE your Majesties most Dutiful and Obedient Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council, and other the Inhabitants of your Majesties ever Loyal City of Rochester, taking into our Consideration your Majesties late most Pious and Gracious Declaration, your Majesties purpose of maintaining to your People, the Protestant Religion by Law established, the extirpation of Popery, the frequent use of Parliaments, the Redress of all their Grievances, to continue to them their just Rights, Liberties and Properties, and to Govern them according to the known Laws, cannot but from their deep sence thereof, in all Humility and Thankfulness (to the highest degree of Gratitude) acknowledge your Majesties unparalleled Grace, Favour and Goodness therein, Blessing Almighty God that hath inclined your Majesties Heart to vouchsafe the same to your Subjects and People, whose Hearts cannot but be filled with joy and Gladness (as are ours) at the due and serious Contemplation thereof.

And as we are most confident of your Majesties most Gracious Purpose and Intention to perform what you have so Graciously Declared, so we most Humbly beseech your Majesty to rest assured, that we are fully purposed, according to our bounden Duty, with our Lives and Fortunes (as becomes all Dutiful and Loyal Subjects) to stand by your Majesty therein, and in the Defence of Your Sacred Person (whom God long preserve) and in the Preservation and Maintenance of the Prerogative and just Rights of your Majesty, and of your Heirs and lawful Successors, against all Opposition whatsoever.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Declaration and Address of your Majesties Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and Officers of your Majesties Militia, in, and for the County of Somerset.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects of the County of Somerset, whose Names are subscribed, being sensible of the great Blessings this Kingdom has enjoyed under your Majesties Government, since your Majesties Happy Restoration thereunto; and having our Hearts filled with joy, by your Majesties late Declaration, touching your Royal Intentions as to the future Administration thereof, cannot remain silent, but as a part of the greater Body, do presume to approach your Royal Throne with our most humble ac-

knowledgments of your Majesties Goodness and Clemency expressed unto us in that your Majesties Declaration, and particularly for that your Majesty is Graciously pleased to give us your Royal Word, that our Persons and Estates shall not be left to the pleasure of our Fellow Subjects. We are deeply sensible of the Endeavors that have been on foot to subvert the known Laws of the Land, wherein our Religion, Liberty and Property are wound up. And we are so far satisfied, that it is the Kingdoms Interest to continue the Succession in its due and right Line, and maintain the present Government as by Law it is established; that we for our own parts are unanimously resolved, by God's help, to assist and serve your Majesty with our Lives and Fortunes in defence thereof, against all Persons and Parties that shall appear against it.

The Humble Address of the Corporation of RIPON, in the County of York.

May it please your Majesty,

WE your Majesties most Loyal and Faithful Subjects, the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Assistants of your ancient Corporation and Borough of Ripon, in your County of York, do with all humility present to your Majesty our grateful Sense and Acknowledgment of your Majesties Royal Favor to your Subjects, in imparting to them your Majesties Reasons for your Proceedings with your Two last Parliaments, which your Majesty has been Graciously pleased to do, by your Declaration read the last Lords-day, by Dr. Cartwright, Dean of this your Collegiate Church of Ripon. Your Majesties Princely Resolutions to maintain your Princely Prerogative, the just Rights and Liberties of your Subjects, the true Protestant Religion as it is now established by Law, the Succession of the Crown in its due and legal course of Descent, and the delivering us from the unwarrantable Proceedings of the House of Commons, is matter of the highest joy and satisfaction to us: And we do humbly beseech your Majesty to continue in those your Royal Purposes, and solemnly Declare, That we will adhere to your Majesty in defence thereof, to the utmost hazard of our Lives and Fortunes. And further, Do humbly pray your Majesty, for the Safety of the Church, your Majesties Sacred Person and Government, and your truly Loyal Protestant Subjects, that the Statutes of the Third of King James, and the Five and thirtieth of Queen Elizabeth, against Popish Recusants and Seditious Sectaries, may be put and continue in their due Execution.

An Address from the Town of Great YARMOUTH.

To the Kings Most Excellent Majesty.

GREAT SIR,

WE Your Majesties most Obedient, Dutiful, and Loyal Subjects, the Bayliffs, Aldermen, and Common-Council of Your Town of Great Yarmouth, having duly considered, and seriously weighed Your Majesties Gracious Declaration, issued out for the Satisfaction, and great Encouragement of Your Majesties Loyal Subjects, cannot but conclude it our Duty in this our Common-Council, held the five and twentieth day of May, in the three and thirtieth year of Your Majesties Reign, under our common Seal, to Declare, and make manifest to Your Majesty, and to the whole World, our unfeigned Gratitude for so great a condescension, whereby we are assured of the pre-

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ervation of the Protestant Religion as now established by Law, with our Liberties and Properties, against the unwearied endeavours of all Popish and Schismatical Enemies to the Government both of Church and State.

And as Your Majesty has been likewise Graciously pleased to Declare, that the Laws of this Your Majesty's Kingdom shall be Your Rule, so we do Hope, and all Pray, that they may be made a strict Rule to others, by a just and equal execution of them upon all Opposers whatsoever. And we do also hope (and shall never cease to Pray) that Your Majesty may meet with such suitable Returns, as will make Your Majesty's Imperial Crown sit firm and easie upon Your Royal Head, and Peaceably descend to Your lawful Successors for ever; Declaring (as by Duty and Loyalty bound) our steadfast Resolution, to use our utmost endeavours to Assert and Maintain the same with our Lives and Estates.

The Humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Common-Council, Officers of the Militia, and other Your Majesty's most Loyal Subjects of the City and County of *EXON*.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majesty's Loyal and Obedient Subjects of the City and County of the City of *Exon*, who have lately had the Honour to be made acquainted with the Declaration of Your Majesty's Princely Mind, beg liberty of Access to return our Humble Thanks, for that Your Royal Favour, and Gracious Condescension; we do with all Humility acknowledge Your Majesty's Great and Wise Regard in the preservation of the Ease and Peace of Your Majesty's Kingdom and Territories, which not only makes Your Subjects quiet and wealthy at home, but Your Majesty considerable to Your Allies, and formidable to Your Enemies abroad. All Your Subjects have great occasion to Bless God for that happy Temper, and just Moderation which hath always appeared in Your Majesty's Government, and now of late so seasonably in those times of extremity and confusion, in Your Princely Care, to preserve still the true and ancient Constitution of Your Church and State from Arbitrary-Government, Anarchy, and Tyranny, and from the Superstition of Popery and Enthusiasm; And now most particularly for the Royal Assurance of Your Majesty's zeal for the true established Religion, the just interest of Your People, and in all things to Govern according to the Laws of Your Kingdom, which Your Majesty hath been pleased so solemnly to renew, whereby we are secured from the Tyranny of our fellow Subjects. It is our Duty both to God and to Your Majesty, not to be wanting in whatever we may be able to contribute towards the effecting of that which Your Majesty hath been pleased so Graciously to Declare; and we do Humbly and Cheerfully Devote our Lives and Fortunes to Your Majesty's Service, in Defence of Your Sacred Person, and those Your most just Resolutions.

Signed by above 1000 of the principal Citizens and Inhabitants of the said City.

An Address from the City of WINCHESTER.

Dread Sovereign,

WE Your most Dutiful and Obedient Subjects, under the deep sense of our Allegiance, to Your Majesty's Princely Care, for the preser-

ving of us in the true Protestant Religion, do give up to Your most Sacred Majesty, from the bottom of our Hearts, our most Humble and hearty Thanks, for Your Majesty's Declaration, That You will suppress Popery, and never use Arbitrary Government, nor permit it in others; That Your Majesty will relieve the grievances of Your People by frequent Parliaments, and make the Law of the Land Your Rule, as we are in Duty bound to make them ours; That Your Majesty will preserve the Church in its Rights, and the true Protestant Religion, as it is by Law established; Privileges so great, that no Prince's Subjects in Christendom can enjoy greater. The sense of these Your Majesty's Gracious Favours, which we at this time enjoy, makes us unanimously Declare, That we will yield our Lives and Fortunes at Your Majesty's Command, in the Defence of Your Majesty's Royal Person and Government, against all Popish and Phanatical Persons whatsoever, whose Ambition did enslave us under the Tyranny of an Arbitrary Government, which we were happily deliver'd from by Your Majesty's miraculous Restauration; the burthen of which Oppression, Your Majesty's poor City groans under to this day, from which, nothing but the great Prudence and Care of Your Majesty (whom God long preserve) can Protect us; that we and all Your Loyal Subjects may with one heart fear God and the King, and avoid all them that are given to change.

At an Assembly held by the Mayor and Burgeses of the said Burrough in the Guild-Hall there on Sunday the first day of May, 1681. It was unanimously agreed on, and Ordered, That the following Address be humbly Presented to the Kings Majesty upon occasion of His Majesty's most Gracious Declaration.

May it please Your most Sacred Majesty,

WE Your Majesty's most Loyal Subjects, the Mayor, and Burgeses of Your Majesty's Burrough of *Wilton*; having with all imaginable Joy and Satisfaction, heard Your Majesty's most Gracious Declaration, which, according to Your Majesty's Royal Command, was Published in our Parish Church this day, do esteem our selves happy, that we can lay hold of an occasion immediately thereupon, to acknowledge will all Humble Gratitude, our infinite Obligations to Your Majesty's Goodness; whereby, when the horrid Machinations of Popish Traytors, and the Fears of Arbitrary Government, had disheartned and distracted the Minds of many of Your Majesty's good People for several years last past, Your Majesty, in compassion to our Disquiets, is most Graciously pleas'd to give us those Assurances of Asserting our Religion and Property by Law established, which have perfectly settled us, and wholly remov'd all those Jealousies which can possibly give Pretence to the Designs of ill Men, by reflecting upon Your Majesty's most Gracious Government. And we most Humbly Beseech Your Majesty, to believe, that, as we are entirely assured of Your Majesty's most constant Resolution to maintain the Government established in Church and State; so we are unanimously resolved to stand by Your Sacred Majesty in its most just Defence; And that neither the Hellish Conspiracies of Papists, either discovered or designed for the Subversion of our Religion; and Destruction of our Lives, nor the seditious Suggestions of Men, acted by Phanatical and Common-wealth Principles, which may ever be built upon that pretence, shall ever shake, or in the least pervert that most Dutiful Allegiance, which both by the Laws of God and Man, and by the Principles of Religion, and right Reason, we humbly acknowledg to be most due to Your Sacred Majesty, and

and which we shall ever make good with the utmost hazard of our Lives and Fortunes.

An Address by the Bayliffs, Aldermen, and Common-Council of the Corporation of LUDLOW.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

VVE Your Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects, the Bayliffs, Aldermen, and Common-Council of Your Majesties Corporation of Ludlow, in Your County of Salop, having lately Received, and Read Your Majesties most Gracious Declaration, touching the Causes and Reasons of Dissolving the two last Parliaments, and seriously considered the many Gracious Expressions therein contained, whereby Your Majesty is pleased to signify to us, and to all other Your Loyal Subjects, Your Royal Resolution to have frequent Parliaments; and both in and out of Parliaments, to use Your utmost endeavours to extirpate Popery, and in all things to Govern according to the Laws of the Kingdom, and being therewith fully satisfied; and having observed the Applications made to Your Sacred Majesty, by other of Your Majesties Loyal Corporations, gives us Encouragement in the name of our selves, and all other the Members and Inhabitants of this Your most Antient and Loyal Corporation, by their free and unanimous desire, and consent, Humbly to return to Your Sacred Majesty, our most Dutiful, Loyal, and Hearty Thanks for Your said most Gracious Declaration, and for the many Gracious Expressions therein contained; and amongst others, that You are thereby Graciously pleased to remind us of the Rise and Progress of the late unhappy Troubles and Confusions, which many of Your present Petitioners were Witnesses of, and great Sufferers by; Inasmuch, that we do not only think it our Duty, but our Interest, to endeavour to the utmost to preserve our Selves and our Country from a Relapse; And we do desire Humbly to acquaint Your Majesty, that we do well remember, and certainly know, that our Religion, Liberties and Properties were all lost and gone, by the most barbarous and horrid Murder of that Glorious Martyr Your Royal Father of ever Blessed Memory, and so continued, until revived by Your Majesties most happy Restauration; Wherefore we are unanimously Resolved to lay down our Lives and Estates for the security of Your Majesties Sacred Person, and Your Royal Family, and for the maintenance of the Government as it is now established both in Church and State, against all Papists, Phanatics, and other the malicious Enemies of our present established Religion; who, by their daily practices, sufficiently remind us, and all other Your Loyal Subjects, how fondly they still retain their old Common-wealth Principles, and endeavour the destruction of Monarchy it self. And we most Humbly assure Your Majesty, we will be always ready to yield hearty Obedience to all Your Majesties Commands, and will continue quiet, peaceable, and obedient Subjects; daily praying for Your Majesties long Life and happy Reign over us.

The Humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Sheriff of Your Majesties Town and County of NEWCASTLE upon TYNE.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

VVE your Majesties Loyal and Obedient Subjects of your Town and County of Newcastle upon Tyne, do in all Humi-

lity, give your Majesty our utmost and unfeigned Thanks for your most Gracious Declaration, wherein by your Princely Word, You have fully assured us of your Royal Resolution to Defend the Government, as it is established both in Church and State, and to protect us against the dangers and hazards of Popery. We therefore, the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the said Town, in the name, and on the behalf of the said Corporation, do assure your Majesty, That we value our Loyalty to your Majesty, at the dearest Expence of our Lives and Fortunes, and are deeply sensible of the influence of your Majesties most auspicious Government over us, and of the Tranquility we enjoy under it; and shall be always ready to defend your Majesties most Sacred Person, and the best of Religions (that of the Church of England) for the defence of which, the best of Kings (your Royal Father) died a Glorious Martyr; If any Tumultuous or Seditious Spirits shall attempt any thing prejudicial to your Majesties most Sacred Person (whom God Protect) your Crown and Dignity, either in Church or State; we shall use our utmost diligence to suppress them; that your Majesties Reign (which we both Wish and Pray for) may be long and Glorious over us.

The Humble Address of Your Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, Bayliffs, and Burgesses of the Town of CAMBRIDGE.

Most Gracious and Dread Sovereign,

VVE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, being exceedingly sensible of Your Majesties Royal Love and Pious Disposition to the Peace and Happiness of Your Subjects, and of the great Felicity which we, and all Your Majesties good Subjects do enjoy, under Your Majesties most Gracious Government; and being also fully persuaded, That as Your Majesty observes the Laws of the Land as the Rule whereby to Govern; so Your Majesties continual Care and Endeavour will be, to restrain and quiet the restless disposition of such as are addicted to innovation, or transported beyond the limits of their Duty; Do in all hearty and dutiful Manner, return Your Majesty our grateful Acknowledgment, and most humble Thanks for the same; and also for Your Majesties Publick and Gracious Resolutions to preserve the undoubted Right of the Crown in a Legal Succession, to secure the Liberty and Property of Your People, and the Doctrine and Discipline of the Church of England, as by Law Established; And further, for Your Majesties Gracious and Royal Declaration, after the Dissolution of the last Parliament, appointed to be read in all Churches, to the great encouragement of Your Majesties Loyal Subjects, and to the undeceiving such others, as the cunning and wicked insinuations of all ill Men, and Seditious Pamphlets might have brought to a suspicion of Your Government, and Contempt of Your Majesties Royal Person; And we beseech Your Majesty to retain us in Your Grace and good Opinion: For we do Declare, and firmly Resolve to stand by Your Sacred Majesty, with our Lives and Fortunes, in the preservation of Your Royal Person, Your Heirs and lawful Successors, and the Government in Church and State, as by Law established.

The Humble Address of Your Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of Your Borough of **READING**.

May it please Your most Sacred Majesty,

W E Your Majesties truly Humble and Loyal Subjects, being throughly sensible of the great Happiness and Prosperity, which we and all Your Subjects have enjoyed, under the Influences of Your Majesties Government, ever since You came to sway the Scepter of these Kingdoms, whereby the Liberties and Properties of Your afflicted People (who long laboured under the grievous Oppression of Tyrannous and cruel Usurpers) were miraculously restored; and having had (as we conceive) too just cause to suspect, that divers Factionous and ill-disposed persons, enemies to the established Government both in Church and State, have been plotting and contriving under divers specious pretences, to involve us in the same Confusions, are excremantly revived by Your Majesties late most Gracious Declaration, whereby You are pleased to give so ample an assurance to all Your loving Subjects, of protecting them and us from the Miseries and Calamities of an Arbitrary Power; And that the Laws which Your Majesty hath made Your Rule, shall oblige all others to an exact Obedience and Conformity thereunto. We therefore, out of the Duty and Loyalty we owe unto Your Majesty, presume to render unto Your Majesty our most humble and hearty Thanks for Your Princely Favour, in the Publishing Your said Declaration; and do most Humbly beseech Your Majesty to accept our Loyal Resolutions to expose our Lives and Fortunes to the greatest extremity, in defence of Your Majesties Person, Royal Prerogative, Your lawful Heirs and Successors, and for the preservation of the Protestant Religion, as by Law established, against all Popish and Factionous endeavours whatsoever. And that we may continue to enjoy the Benefit of Your prosperous Government, It is and shall be our daily Prayers, that Almighty God would be pleased to Grant Your most Sacred Majesty long to Live and Reign over us. In Testimony whereof, we have hereunto affixed our Common Seal, Dated at Reading aforesaid, the seven and twentieth day of May, in the three and thirtieth year of Your Majesties Reign.

The Humble Address of Your Majesties most Dutiful and most Loyal Subjects, the Deputy Lieutenants, and Military Officers in Your Majesties County of **SURREY**.

May it please Your most Sacred Majesty,

W E being perfectly sensible of the Happiness which all Your Majesties Subjects have enjoyed under Your Majesties most easie and just Government, since Your most blessed Restauration, to the envy of all the World, cannot but with all Humility, throw our selves at Your Majesties Feet, to offer our most hearty Thanks for the new Assurances Your Majesty is pleased to give us in Your late Declaration of Your most pious and just Resolution to continue to Govern Your People, according to the known Laws of the Land. And we do think it our Duty at this time, most humbly to Profess and Declare to Your Majesty and the whole World, That we are resolved to Sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes (whenever we shall be called to it) in the defence of Your Majesties most Sacred Person, and in the maintainance of the Protestant Religion, the Monarchical Govern-

ment, and of the Succession, as they are now established by Law, in opposition to all Seditious, Factionous, Popish or Rebellionous persons whatsoever, if any such shall again rise up among us.

The Humble Address of the Gentlemen and Freeholders of the Western Division of the County of **SURREY**.

Dread Sovereign,

W E Your Majesties most Loyal and ever faithful Subjects, in due abhorrence of those ill men, who either from Fanatical Common-wealth or Jesuitical Principles, would deprive us of those inestimable benefits we enjoy, under Your most regular Government in Church and State, by their restless endeavours to disturb it; as also out of a deep sense we have of Your indefatigable care for us, our Religion and Property, think our selves in all Duty obliged, Humbly to tender Your Majesty, our grateful acknowledgment of Your Wisdom and Goodness, in the timely preventing the pernicious designs of the one, and Your Gracious Condescension to give us daily assurance of the other; more particularly, Your Majesties Declaration of the eighth of April last past, hath given us an undeniable demonstration of Your Princely Courage, fix'd and unalterable Resolution, to Govern by the Laws, to continue the Succession of the Crown in the Right Line; and it hath shown us Your just Resentment of Arbitrary Illegal Votes and Orders, usurping over our Persons and Estates: Your Majesty hath also by Your Great Wisdom protected the Laws, which were Piously provided for the Support and Security of the Government, by not suffering them to be repealed; especially that of the 35th of Eliz. and others made against Conventicles and unlawful Meetings, the Nurseries of Faction and Rebellion, that Popery may not be encouraged by tolerating Fanaticks. These, and many other great Blessings we enjoy, command our most unfeigned Thanks, which we humbly lay at Your Majesties Feet.

And we do faithfully and sincerely assure Your Sacred Majesty, that we are firmly and unanimously resolved to be always ready in all Dutiful and Loyal Service to stand by, assist, and defend Your most Sacred Person, the due and legitimate Succession of the Crown, in the right Course, and the established Government in Church and State, with what is most dear to us (yet due to Your Majesty) our Lives and Fortunes, and to Sacrifice all to your Tranquility and Renown, being zealous to approve our selves, Your Majesties most Dutiful, Obedient, and most Loyal Subjects.

An Address by the Mayor, and the Inhabitants of Guildford, in the County of **SURREY**.

To the Kings Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Sacred Majesty,

W E Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, Your Mayor and approved Men of Your Town of Guildford, in Your County of Surrey, being deeply sensible of the many groundless fears and jealousies, which have of late been industriously raised and fomented among Your People, whereby to rob Your Majesty of Your best Treasure, the Hearts of Your good Subjects: and seriously reflecting upon Your Majesties Pious and Princely Care and Zeal of, and for the Religion of our Holy Mother the Church of England, (the only Fence against Popery) and for the just and impartial Administration of Your Government, according to

Your known and established Laws (the only Fence against Arbitrary Power) as also on Your Princely tenderness of the Rights and Liberties of Your Subjects; and on the many assurances Your Sacred Majesty hath been Graciously pleased to give us of Your continuance thereof, by Your Majesties several Royal Proclamations and Declarations to such effect; Do in all Duty and Sincerity Present Your most Sacred Majesty, with our most Humble and most Unfeigned Thanks for Your said Pious and Princely Care of our Religious and Civil Concerns.

May it please Your Majesty, As the Conscience of our Duties from Obligations, Religious, Moral and Civil, binds us, we are ready to lay our Lives and Fortunes at Your Royal Feet, in defence of Your Sacred Person, Crown and Dignity.

Signed by the Mayor, and above 80
of the Chief of the Town.

The Humble Address of Your Majesties most obedient Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Assistant-Burgeses of Your Majesties antient Burrough of *Warwick*, in behalf of themselves, and the Inhabitants of the said Burrough.

Humbly Sheweth,

That we are duly sensible of our Happiness, as well by the constant Tenor of your Majesties Government, as by your Majesties most Gracious Expressions in your late Declaration: In your Majesties readiness to satisfy the Desires of your good Subjects, and to secure them against their Fears, in the preservation of their Religion, Liberties, and Properties. In your Majesties Care to prevent the return of those Miseries we lately felt in a most unnatural War and Government by a standing Force. In your Majesties great Wisdom, judging Parliaments the best method for healing the Distempers of the Kingdom, and the only means to preserve the Monarchy in its due Credit and Respect, both at home and abroad. In your Majesties steady Resolution of having frequent Parliaments, and both in and out of them to use your utmost endeavours to extirpate Popery, to redress all the Grievances of your good Subjects, and in all things to Govern according to Law.

That as with due Gratitude we acknowledge these great Blessings, so in all humility we tender the Duty of our Allegiance, Loyalty, and best Affections to your Majesties Service; and are unanimously ready with our Lives and Fortunes, to stand by, and assist your Majesty; and hope we shall approve our Duty, in the Choice of such Members to serve in Parliament (when in your Princely Wisdom, your Majesty shall see fit to call one) as will concur with your Majesty in giving such suitable Supplies as may enable you to secure your own Dominions and your Allies against the power of any that shall Oppose your Majesties just Designs. Praying God to preserve your Majesties Sacred Person, and to Grant you a long and prosperous Reign.

The Humble Address of Your Majesties most Faithful and Loyal Subjects, the Grand Inquest of the Body of the County of *O X O N*.

May it please Your most Sacred Majesty,

VVE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, whose Names are under-written, the Grand Jury at this present Sessions, for the Body of

this County of *Oxon*, having heard your Majesties most Gracious Declaration, published amongst us. And being desirous in some measure to manifest the sense of our selves and the whole County, for whom we Serve and Represent, of Your Majesties unparallel'd Goodness and Condescension therein, to satisfy all the reasonable fears of any of Your good Subjects; As also to manifest our perfect detestation, and dislike of all Popish, Rebellious, Factionous, Fanatical, and Commonwealth Principles, Practices, or Designs, whatsoever; do for our selves, and for, and in the name of the whole Body of this County, in all Humility and Sincerity, render your most Sacred Majesty all possible Thanks for the same; As also for the many other Royal Favours we have received under Your Majesties just and good Government, ever since your Majesties happy Restauration: and particularly, for Your Majesties vigorous Endeavours to extirpate Popery, and secure and maintain the Protestant Religion (as by Law established) which with Your Gracious Promises of calling frequent Parliaments, and Governing according to Laws in all things, gives us all possible assurance of enjoying the greatest Liberty and best Religion that any People in the World have. And as we doubt not but Your Majesty will be pleased in Your Princely Wisdom, to take care of the constant Execution of the Laws, to discourage, suppress, and punish all such as endeavour to poison the Minds of Your Majesties good Subjects, and disturb Your Government in Church and State; so shall we be ready to assist, and stand by Your Majesty with our Lives and Fortunes: which we shall always, (as in Duty and Conscience bound) most cheerfully and readily expose, in defence of Your Majesties most Sacred Person, just Rights, and the Protestant Religion (as now Established by Law) against all manner of Opposition whatsoever. And that the Almighty God will daily more and more bring to Light and Punishment, all the Enemies of Your Majesties most Sacred Person, Government, and the Protestant Religion, and establish Your Throne in Peace and Prosperity: And that Your Majesty may never want a lawful Heir to Sit upon it to the Worlds end, is our most hearty Prayer.

And this well Meant and Loyal Address of ours, proceeding from Hearts deeply sensible of Your Majesties most Gracious and Princely Favours to us aforesaid, We the Grand Jurors aforesaid, do for, and in the name of our Selves, and the whole Body of this County, Humbly Present to Your Sacred Majesty, as the general Sense of our Selves and this whole County: And do, pray the Corporation, to desire the Right Honourable *James Lord Norris*, Lord Lieutenant of this County, attended with such other Person or Persons as his Lordship shall approve of, speedily to wait upon Your Majesty; and to present you with the same. In Witness whereof, we the Grand-Jurors aforesaid have hereunto set our Hands, at the General Sessions of the Peace, held at the City of *Oxon*, for the said County of *Oxon* on Tuesday, next after the Feast of the Holy Trinity, in the Three and Thirtieth Year of Your Majesties Gracious Reign, *Anno Dom. 1631*.

The Humble Address of the Bayliffs, principal Burgeses, Common-Council, and Free Burgeses of the Town and Burgh of *E Y E*, in the County of *Suffolk*.

WE your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, are surprised with infinite Joy for your unparallel'd Condescension, and Princely Goodness, in communicating to your People in Your late Gracious Declaration, the just and important Reasons of your Majesties Proceedings in the Two last Parliaments. In which it is evident, That your

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Majesties regard for your own Honour, and the Crown, was not more prevalent, than the Care and Compassion you had for your People, to secure and shelter them from the Sufferings and Tempests of Arbitrary Government. And that the Beams of your Royal Favor might clearly shine upon us, your Majesty is pleased therein also to give us such Assurances of your future Conduct, as ought to confirm in us the most fixed Belief of a constant Enjoyment of those precious Blessings, which have been so long derived upon us from the benigne influence of your Majesties most prudent and auspicious Government; so directed by the Measures and Methods of the known Laws, and so Graciously administered by your Majesty, that under it, Religion hath happily flourished, Liberty and Property hath been safe and inviolate, so that Malice it self cannot produce one single instance wherein they have been invaded or infringed. It was by your Majesties most blessed and happy Restauration, that we were at first delivered from the cruel Yoke of Tyranny and Usurpation; And it is from your Majesties Wisdom and Sovereign Authority, that we are not now relapsing into the same Miseries and Confusions, by the subtle Artifice and cunning Contrivances of the Old Enemies of Monarchy and the Church, who, by the insinuations of Religion, Liberty and Property, prevail upon weak and unwary Men, to make them subservient to their Factious and Ambitious Designs. This Sense Sir, of your Majesties Grace, and our Duty, hath now encouraged us, Humbly to Present and Dedicate this our most faithful profession of laying at your Majesties Feet our Fortunes and our Lives, in the defence of your Sacred Person, the Support of your Crown and Dignity, the preserving the lawful Succession, and the securing Protestant Religion, as established by the Laws.

May, Dread SIR, Your Reign be long and glorious, and may your Clemency and Goodness prevail to establish you in the hearts of your People, and confirm them All, as it hath already Us, in this great Belief, That our Lives and our Liberties, our Religion, and dearest Concerns are bound up in your Majesties Safety, Prosperity and Honor.

The Humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Capital Burgeſſes, and other the principal Inhabitants of the Borough of BARNSTAPLE, in the County of Devon.

May it please Your Most Sacred Majesty,

WE should infinitely fall short in our Gratitude to God, and the Duty we owe your Majesty; if when all your Loyal Subjects overflow with a joyful Sense of your Majesties Goodness, we, by our silence, should seem insensible of the many Blessings we enjoy under your Majesties most equal, just and gracious Government. The infinite Vigilance and Care of your most Excellent Majesty, in securing the true Protestant Religion, against the close designs of Popery on one hand, and the more open attempts of Schism and Faction on the other, we do most humbly acknowledge your Majesties timely preventing the designs of ill men, who, in the same Age, were a second time attempting, by the same method, as formerly, the destruction of your Loyal Subjects, the diminution of your Lawful Power (to say no worse) and the debasing the Grandeur of the English Throne; was an Act so worthy your Wisdom and Princely Conduct, and so impossible to be worthily Recognized, that we must for ever remain to your Majesty most submissive and thankful Debtors. Your Majesties most Gracious Declaration to all your loving Subjects, was received by us with as much Joy as could possibly fill the hearts of men, who had never entertained the least fear or

jealousie of your Majesties Royal Grace and Goodness. And we return your Majesty our most humble and hearty Thanks, that your Majesty was pleased to condescend to inform the ignorant and misled, thousands of whom that incomparable Declaration hath (as we have great reason to believe) before this time undeceived.

For the Gracious Expressions therein, of Calling Parliaments, and Governing by Law; and your Princely purpose, never to invade the Liberties of your Subjects, nor suffer others so to do, we return your Majesty our most Unfeigned Thanks: And for other matters, we profess that we shall be always ready cheerfully to acquiesce in your Majesties most Just and Royal Resolutions.

We only add (most Royal Sir) that there is nothing of this World so dear unto Us, which we will not at all times be ready to sacrifice in the preservation of your Sacred Person, the Dignity and Prerogative annexed to your Imperial Crown, and of the Government, as it is now by Law established, both in the Church and State.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address and Acknowledgment of the Grand Jury of the County of WARWICK, at the General Sessions of the Peace held for the said County.

WE your Majesties most Loyal, and most Obedient Subjects, the Grand Jury at the said Sessions, hold our Selves in Duty and Allegiance bound to Present unto your Majesty, our most humble and hearty Thanks for your Majesties most endearing Promises renewed unto your People in your late Gracious Declaration; That it is your Royal Resolution to have Frequent Parliaments; and that you will use your utmost Endeavors to extirpate Popery, to redress all the Grievances of your Subjects, and in all things to Govern according to the Laws of your Kingdom: For which your Majesties Princely Assurance, with hearts full of Joy and Gratitude, we humbly and unanimously devote our Lives and Fortunes to your Majesties Service, for the Defence of your most Sacred Person, the Protestant Religion, and the support of your Majesties Government in Church and State, as by Law established. And we do humbly pray the Concurrence of this Honorable Court, in the promotion of this our most humble Address to your Most Sacred Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

We your Majesties Justices of the Peace, present at the said Sessions, do hereby heartily join with the Gentlemen of the Grand Jury, in this their humble Address and Acknowledgment to your Most Sacred Majesty.

Signed by the said Justices and Grand Jury.

The Humble Address of the Mayor, Justices of the Peace, and Common-Council of your Majesties Borough of DERBY.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesties truly Loyal, Faithful and Obedient Subjects, most Humbly and Thankfully acknowledge the great Benefits and Immunities, we, amongst other your Majesties Corporations enjoy; by the Gracious Concessions of your Majesty and Royal Predecessors; but, above all things, we are bound to bless and praise God for your Ma-

Majesties Happy and Miraculous Restauration, whereby we not only enjoy the Best of Princes, but also our Religion, Liberties and Properties, and all that ought to be dear to good Christians, and Loyal Subjects. Nor have we less cause to bless God, and humbly thank your Majesty, for your Majesties most gracious and gentle Government, and for your Majesties Resolution, that (notwithstanding many Provocations) your Majesty will Govern in all things, according to the Laws of the Kingdom: Nor ought we to forget your Majesties many Gracious Offers for the securing of Religion, as it is now established, and to do your best endeavor to extirpate Popery. And we do most Humbly and Heartily thank your Majesty, for your Gracious Declaration, which hath had those just impressions upon us, as it ought upon all your Majesties Subjects, that we cannot satisfy our selves in the enjoying the private Assurances of our own minds, without presuming to present to your Majesty this our humble Testimony of Duty and Gratitude; And we do with all humble Thankfulness, acknowledge your Majesties Grace and Goodness in declaring, That as your Majesty will not use any Arbitrary Power your Self, so you will not suffer it in others, to the prejudice of your People. We likewise humbly and thankfully acknowledge your Majesties great Care and Readiness, to pass the *Test* Bill, for the Satisfaction of your People, though to the diminution of your Majesties own Revenue. And when we have duly weighed and considered all the Benefits we have received by your Majesties most Gracious and Gentle Government, we cannot on our parts answer it to God Almighty, your Majesty, and our own Consciences, unless we join our best endeavor to make all Dutiful Returns of cheerful Obedience, and steadfast Loyalty. Nor can we chuse but with grief of heart, be sensible that some evil Men, seasoned with the Old Leaven of Seditious and Commonwealth Principles, have endeavored to make a misunderstanding betwixt your Majesty and your People; desiring to throw us back into the same Confusion we were delivered from by your Majesties happy Restauration.

We therefore, your Majesties truly Loyal and Obedient Subjects, do Unanimously from our hearts declare, and are resolved, That we will with our Lives and Fortunes, according to the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and our Duties by all Laws Natural, Humane and Divine, defend your Majesties Sacred Person, and all your Majesties just Rights and Prerogatives, the Protestant Religion, as it is now established in the Church of England, against all your Majesties Enemies, of what persuasion soever; And we shall ever heartily pray for your Majesties long, happy, peaceable, and prosperous Reign over Us, and we doubt not, but all your Majesties Loyal and Good Subjects will join with Us, in these our Prayers and Resolutions.

An Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council of the Borough of NEW-WOODSTOCK, in the County of Oxon.

May it please Your most Excellent Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful, Loyal, and Obedient Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council of the Borough of New-Woodstock, in the County of Oxon, having with great joy heard your Majesties most Gracious Declaration read in our Church, with all Humility and Sincerity return Your Majesty all possible Thanks for the same; as also for Your Royal Care to maintain the Protestant Religion, as now Established in the Church of England; and Your Gracious Promises of calling frequent Parliaments, and of making

the known Laws the measure of your Rule; and not to suffer any Arbitrary Power to be exercised over us. And as we are in Duty and Conscience bound, we do resolve by Gods Grace, to stand by, and defend with our Lives and Fortunes Your Majesties Sacred Person, your Heirs and Lawful Successors, and the good Laws of this Realm, by which you Govern in Church and State, against Papists, and all other Persons whatsoever: Humbly beseeching Almighty God, to Bless you with Health and long Life, and all the Joys of this World, and a better, and to confound and lay open all the Frauds, Plots, and Hellish Devices of all Your Enemies: And that the Royal Scepter of Great Britain may be swayed by your Majesty, and your lawful Successors to the Worlds end, which is the most hearty Prayer of Your Majesties Dutiful, Loyal, and Obedient Subjects. In Testimony whereof, we have hereunto affixed our Common Seal, the 30th day of May, Anno Dom. 1681.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Constable of the Castle of Your Majesties Town of Cardiffe in the County of Glamorgan, and the Mayor, Bayliff, Aldermen, Burgeses, and other Inhabitants of Your said Town.

May it please Your Most Sacred Majesty,

ALTHOUGH Your most excellent Government, since Your happy Restauration, hath afforded all peaceable and reasonable Men several Instances, which should even exact their Eternal Gratitude for the Felicity they have and do enjoy under it; yet we think our selves obliged in Duty, as we do in all Humility, to render Your Majesty our unfeigned Thanks for Your Majesties late Declaration, and for every particular of it, more especially for the assurances You are most Graciously pleased therein to renew unto us, of Your Princely care of the Protestant Religion, of the extirpation of Popery, and of Governing by the known Laws of the Land; though neither we, nor any other unprejudiced Persons, had any the least just Reason to suspect the contrary, from any one Action of Your Majesties Reign, which God long continue: To this we beg leave to add, That we do most humbly implore Your most Sacred Majesty to look upon this Your Town, as the same which Your Royal Father was pleased to Visit, and whose Fidelity he approved of even in his Extremities. And although Your Majesties Royal Prudence (Maugre all the subtle Contrivances of the Popish Party, and the groundless and mean insinuations of the Phanatical Juncto) will not (we hope under God) want the same Testimony of our Loyalty: Yet we do hereby in all Humility Declare and Protest, That we will stick by Your most Sacred Majesty, in the Defence of Your just Rights and Prerogatives, the Church of England, as by Law established, and Your lawful Successors in the Right Line, to the utmost hazard of our Lives and Fortunes.

The most Humble and Hearty Address of Your Majesties truly Loyal, and most Dutiful Subjects, Your Majesties Lieutenants, Deputy-Lieutenants, and Officers of the several Troops, Regiments, and Companies of Your Majesties Militia, and Trained-Bands within the County of Dorset: As also of Your Majesties Justices of the Peace of the same County, with other Gentlemen of the said County.

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W^E Your Majesties most truly Loyal, and Obedient Subjects, Your Majesties Lieutenant, Deputy-Lieutenants, and Officers of Your Majesties Militia of Your County of Dorset, and Your Majesties Justices of the Peace of the same County, being deeply sensible (amongst multitudes of other Your good Subjects of this County) of the abundant Happiness which we and all Your Subjects have most comfortably enjoyed, ever since your Majesties most happy Restauration, under a well-regulated and peaceful Government, until of late, the good Order and Quiet, and indeed the very constitution thereof, hath been most wickedly attempted by ill men, not only to be disturbed and shaken, but as much as in them lay, to be overthrown and utterly subverted; the more effectually to accomplish which, the unwearied endeavours which they have used, by all the sly ways and means imaginable, to infuse into the Minds of your Majesties People, unreasonable Fears and Jealousies, relating to your Majesties Government, where in truth there was no reasonable ground for distrust, and where indeed no fear was, have not been the least successful, in that they have thereby perverted many of your Majesties less knowing Subjects, from the strict Rules of their Duty and Loyalty. And also duly weighing with our Selves, your Majesties most Princely Favour, and Royal Condescension, most Graciously manifested unto all your Majesties good Subjects, in your Majesties late Declaration, which hath been published in our respective Churches; the Publication whereof, we hope will be instrumental in a great measure to direct the steps of some Men who have been unhappily misled, and effectually to obviate the Villanous and Treasonable Designs of others, whose Hearts are fully set in them to do evil: We your Majesties said Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, do in all Humility and Sincerity of Heart, present your Majesty with our unfeigned Thanks for such your Gracious Declaration; not doubting but your Majesty will persist in your Great and Pious Resolutions therein Declared unto us, of making use of your Endeavours to preserve and support the Government, as it is now by Law established both in Church and State: to maintain your Majesties own just Rights of the Crown, and the Liberties and Properties of the People; and to make the established Laws the Rule of your own Government, and a measure for all such as shall be employed in any Authority under you: In order to the performance of which most excellent Purposes and Resolutions of your Majesty; We do hereby give your Majesty a full Assurance, that we will stand by, and adhere unto your Majesty, to the utmost peril and hazard of our Persons and Estates, against all such as stand in opposition to your Majesty therein, be they of what Persuasion soever: and against all such as shall in any other particular Instance whatsoever, signify their disaffection to your Majesties Person (whom God long preserve) or to your Majesties Government, as now by Law established both in Church and State. This our most Humble and Hearty acknowledgement of your Majesties transcendent Grace and Favour to your Subjects, as we do most submis-

sively implore your Majesties Acceptance of, as a Specimen of our most sincere Intentions; so we do with a like Humility and Earnestness, beseech the King of Kings to continue your Majesties Sacred Life amongst us for many and many years; that even future Generations may partake of the happy Influences of your Majesties Just and Peaceful Government. So unfeignedly Pray your Majesties most Humble, Loyal, and Dutiful Subjects and Servants.

B R I S T O L, Lieutenant, &c.

Signed by 138 Gentlemen.

An Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Citizens of Your Antient and Loyal City of BATH.

Dread Sovereign,

VV^E the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Citizens of your Antient and Loyal City of Bath, having to our great joy, seen a confluence of your Majesties good Subjects in their several Addresses, with all suitable and becoming Expressions of Duty and Loyalty; do now (as early as any other in our Affections to your Majesty) cheerfully, unanimously, and with all thankfulness, acknowledge your Majesties great Goodness and Condescension, in Publishing your late Gracious Declaration, by which we are fully assured of what we can reasonably wish or hope for in all our Concerns, both as to our present, and future Conditions: And we beseech your Majesty to accept, not only of our unfeigned and humble Thanks; but also of this Assurance from us (which is but our bounden Duty) that we resolve to stand by your Majesty with our Lives and Fortunes, in the vindication of your Majesties Prerogative, and of those Pious Resolutions you have expressed to preserve our present established Religion, our Liberties and Properties. The good God Bless your Majesties Reign with many and happy days, and Grant that the Crown may never cease to Flourish on the Royal Head of your Majesty, and of your lawful Successors, till time shall be no more.

To the Kings Most Sacred Majesty.

The Humble Address of us Your Majesties Truly Loyal Subjects, Members of the Society of GRAYS-INN.

VV^E your Majesties most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, do most faithfully and unfeignedly with all Humility, return our Hearty thanks for your Majesties endearing Promises, and steady Resolutions so publicly Declared by your Majesty in your late Gracious Declaration; the happy effects of which, we even in this our Society already find, and are sensible of. As also for your Royal Care in maintaining the Rights of the Crown and Succession in their due course; and the Protestant Religion, as now by Law established. And we do with all Humility acknowledge your Majesties exceeding Goodness in Declaring, that as your Majesty will not make use of any Arbitrary or Illegal Power your self, so you will not permit it in others, to the great prejudice of your Loyal Subjects, contrary to the known Laws of this Kingdom, and to the discouragement of the Members of this House, and all other Loyal Students and Practisers of the Laws. And we do unanimously Declare, That we are all of Opinion, that the convening of Parliaments to any Place, Proroguing and Dissolving of the same, is the undoubted Right

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Right of your most Excellent Majesty, according to the Antient and Fundamental Laws of this your Kingdom.

We likewise Resolve, that with our Lives and Fortunes we will stand by, Defend, and Maintain your Majesties Royal Person and Government, as by Law established, the Protestant Religion, and your Majesties Heirs and lawful Successors, against all Popish Plots and Trayterous Conspiracies of such disaffected Men, as design the Subversion of the best of Governments; and at all times, and upon all occasions, be ever most willing and ready to shew our selves, Great Sir, your Sacred Majesties most Dutiful, Loyal, and Obedient Subjects.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Mayor, Magistrates, Common-Council, and other Freemen, and Chief Inhabitants of the Town and Borough of Clifton Dartmouth Harbours in the County of DEVON.

Dread Sovereign,

WE your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Magistrates, and Common-Council, with other Freemen and Chief Inhabitants of the antient Town and Borough of *Clifton Dartmouth Harbours*, reflecting upon the grievous Tyranny and Pressures this Nation groaned under in the late times of Confusion, wherein our Religion, Laws, Liberty, and Property, were with no small violence invaded: And considering withal, How that upon your Majesties Miraculous and Happy Restauration, we were relieved of those Oppressions, which unconscionable Usurpers afflicted us with, and had not only our excellently Reformed Religion, according to the Primitive and Apostolical Purity in the Church of *England*, as by Law established; but also our Laws, Liberties and Properties restored and confirmed to us, which we have peaceably enjoyed these twenty years, and owe the happiness of it (under God) to your Majesties Goodness and Prudent Conduct; and having had from time to time repeated Evidences of your Princely Grace and Condescension to your People; do now with Hearts full of Duty and Reverence, desire to shew to your Sacred Majesty and the World, our most grateful Repentments of the many benefits we have enjoyed under your prudent Government, and to render our most Humble and hearty Thanks for your Majesties Gracious Declaration lately Published for the satisfaction of your loving Subjects; in which your Majesty renews unto us, your fixed Resolutions of maintaining the true Reformed Religion, as by Law established in our Church of *England*, against the pernicious endeavours of Papists, and other Sectaries that oppose it, and to preserve your Royal Authority, and the Peoples Rights and Privileges from being invaded: Which Gracious Promises, and further Assurances, in your said Princely Declaration, of adhering to the Laws of the Land, so as to make them always the Rule of your Government (as hitherto your Majesty hath done, (be it ever thankfully acknowledged by us) and of advising frequently with Parliaments; will, we hope, allay the Fears and Jealousies that have been raised by ill-affected Persons, and put a stop to the evil Designs of Papists and Factious Republicans, against your Majesties just and Merciful Reign.

Your Majesty having done so much for your People, and pursued us all along with such unparallell'd Instances of Clemency and Affection; it remains now on us for the rendering this an happy Nation, not only to retain a grateful Memory of your Majesties Goodness, to

bless God for setting over us so Gracious a King, and to pray for your Majesties long Life, and continuance of your happy Reign; but also to make such other Returns of Allegiance, Aid, and Succors, as are necessary for the support of your Majesties Honor and Government, and is the Duty of Subjects always to pay; and we do for our parts faithfully promise on all occasions to be ready to assist your Majesty with our Lives and Fortunes in the Defence of your Sacred Person, and Dignity, and of the Church and State, as by Law now established, against the Papists, and all other Enemies thereof, of what Denomination or Sect soever.

Signed by about sixty Persons.

An Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the antient Borough of HERTFORD.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Dread Sovereign,

WE your Majesties most Loyal and Faithful Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the antient Borough of *Hertford*, do (in all Humility) conceive it our Duty to manifest to the World the great Obligations we owe to your Majesty, and to return our Humble Thanks and Gratitude for those manifold Blessings which we now enjoy under your Gracious Government, and those large and Royal Favours which we lately received from you, the Best of Kings, when you was graciously pleased to enlarge the bounds of this your Borough, to prefer us to the Honor of a Sword, and to Grant whatsoever might conduce to the support of our Government, the advance of Justice, the improvement of our Trade, and to our benefit, which are evident means to make us and our Successors for ever happy.

And we do further acknowledg, that your Grace and Favour hath not been limited to us alone, but hath flowed in abundant manner to all your good Subjects in general; for you have made us a free People, who lately groaned under the heavy Impositions of an insulting Common-wealth, And (though Kings be accountable for their Actions to none but God himself) yet you have Graciously condescended to Declare the Reasons of your Proceedings (which have given great satisfaction to us and all reasonable Men) and of the great affection which you have for Parliaments, which gives us an assurance, that you will call those Councils, when in your Princely Wisdom you shall think them necessary: And we doubt not (with Gods Blessing) our future Happiness, when you have given your Royal Promise, that upon all occasions you will improve your endeavors to extirpate Popery, redress all the Grievances of your good Subjects, and in all things govern by the Laws of the Land.

You are a true Defender of the Antient and Catholick Faith, Taught and Maintained by the Church of *England*, the Fence and Bulwark that hath preserved us and all good People, from the Prophaneness and Atheism, of the Sectary, the Idolatry and Superstition of the Papists, which have both laboured to divide her Community into Atomes, that by her destruction we might be made a prey to the *Romish* Faction. All which are signal Marks of your great Zeal for the Protestant established Religion, and the great Care for the safety of your Subjects, and of your Affection for their Interests, which cannot but stop the mouths of the Seditious and Factious, remove all causeless Fears, and confirm the Loyalty of your best Subjects: And we (as in Duty bound) do unanimously and heartily assure your Majesty, that we will sacrifice

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our Lives and Fortunes to preserve your Sacred Person, your Heirs and lawful Successors, and to maintain the true Protestant Religion, and the Government as now established both in Church and State; and on all occasions shall readily joyn with all other your Loyal Subjects, to give you (in proportion) such assistances as may keep you safe at home, make you valued by your Friends and Allies, feared by your Enemies, and Glorious to the World: We confessing and acknowledging that all we can do, must be infinitely short of the discharge of that Duty which we owe, and are desirous to perform to so Excellent and so Gracious a Prince, whose Safety, Glory and Honor we account our only Interest; And we do heartily Pray, that your Goodness may affect the Hearts of your People, and that they may be truly sensible of the happy Influences of your Government; that your Life may be long, your Reign Glorious, and that the Church of England may flourish under your Protection. Your Majesties most Dutiful, Loyal, and Obedient Subjects.

Signed by the Mayor, and about one hundred and eight Hands besides.

To the Kings Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Bayliff, Approved Men, and Burgeses of the Borough or Town of Andever, in the County of SOUTHAMPTON.

W E your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, who do rejoyce in nothing more than the Glory of our Obedience to Gods Anointed, who is (next under God) our Supreme Governor upon Earth, and the most Gracious or Christian Kings, having not only heard with all due Reverence and Attention, your Majesties late Declaration recited publickly in our Churches; but also Read and Revolv'd it in our several private Houses, and in our Hearts; and being provoked to Emulation by the many most Laudable and Loyal Addressses of the best of our fellow Subjects, do think it our Duty to acknowledge both to God and your Majesty, the manifold Happiness we enjoy, more than any other Subjects throughout the whole World, under your Majesties most Gracious Government; whereof your aforesaid Declaration is one great Instance, and to us a convincing Argument. For therein we have discerned, to our unspeakable Comfort and Satisfaction, Your Majesties Care and Resolution (as a true Defender of the true Faith) to protect us in the enjoyment of the Protestant Religion, as by Law established, against those Endeavours and Attempts which have of late been made against it, as well by Foreign as Home-bred Enemies, as well by the Popish as Phanatical Faction, the constant Enviours of our Happiness, and Disturbers of our Peace, ever since the time of our Reformation. Therein we see our Obligation to give your Majesty most humble and hearty Thanks, for Declaring in the behalf of our legal Rights and Liberties, against the Incurfions, Invasions, and Arbitrary Government of fellow-subjects; and for declaring in behalf of all the Laws we live under, your Resolution to Support and Maintain the Monarchy, with all the Rights and Prerogatives belonging to it; without which we are convinced by the woful experience of twenty years (even from the birth of the late Rebellion, until your Majesties most happy Restauration) we shall not be able to enjoy any thing as our own; either our Lives or Livelyhoods; but shall relapse into the misery of having mean Men and Servants to bear rule over us; Therein we thankfully acknowledge and see your Majesties most Gracious pur-

pose, to continue to us the frequent and due use of Parliaments, for which your Majesty hath already made a provision: by a Law made in the Sixteenth year of your happy Reign.

In consideration of all which Premises, we Humbly beseech your Majesty to accept of our unfeigned Thankfulness, prostrating our selves at your Majesties Feet, and protesting, that with the hazard of our Lives, Liberties and Fortunes, we will firmly adhere to your Majesty, and lawful Successors, in Defence of your Royal Person, Crown and Dignity; and although other of your Majesties good Subjects have more earlies Address, yet none shall ever exceed us in Dutiful Allegiance to your Majesty; assuring your most Sacred Majesty of our readines, as much as in us lies; to put your Majesties Laws in execution, and from time to time to Elect and Present such Members (when your Majesty pleases) to serve in Parliament, as may Answer the Great End of your Majesties most Gracious Declaration.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Common-Council, Free Burgeses, and other Your Majesties Loyal Subjects of Your Majesties Town and Corporation of LAUNCESTON.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

W E Your Majesties most Obedient and Loyal Subjects, having with all imaginable Joy and Satisfaction, lately had Your Majesties most Gracious Declaration published amongst Us, do (out of a deepsence of our Duty to Your Majesty) most humbly beg liberty to return our most humble and hearty Thanks to Your most Sacred Majesty, for that Your Royal Favour and Gracious Condescension, whereby Your Majesty is Graciously pleased to Declare Your Zeal (and in these times of Extremity and Confusion) to renew to us and all Your Loyal Subjects, Your Royal Assurance to preserve the Protestant Religion, as the same is now by Law establish'd, against the Unwearied Endeavours and Practices of all Popish and Schismatical Enemies thereunto. And likewise to preserve the Liberties and Properties of Your Subjects, and in all things to Govern according to the Laws of Your Kingdom. The fence of these Your Majesties most Gracious Favours (which we most heartily pray may meet with suitable Returns from all Your Majesties Subjects) makes us unanimously, cheerfully, and with Loyal Hearts Declare, That we will Defend Your Majesties most Sacred Person, and Government, and these Your Majesties most just Resolutions, with the utmost hazard of our Lives and Fortunes.

The Humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Bailiffs, the whole Common-Council, and the rest of the Burgeses and Inhabitants of the Town and Burrough of MONMOUTH, Assembled at the Guild-Hall of the said Town, the fourth Day of June. 1681.

May it please your Sacred Majesty,

Amongst those Blessings which the King of Kings bestows on Your Majesties Subjects here, it is the chiefest that we live under the Protection and Government of a Prince, for whose exemplar tenderness of his People, and Princely Resolution to make them happy, no Nation can, nor Age could Parallel: The whole course of Your Majesties Reign sufficiently de-

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clares that to the World, your late Gracious Declarations confirm it; of the happy effect of which, no People in Your Majesties Dominions can give surer Instances than our selves, who had too many amongst and near us, influenced by Persons of Disloyal and Pernicious Principles, and drawn unto those Fears of their Religion to be undermined by Popery, and their Estates and Liberties enslaved to an Arbitrary Government that they thought their security lay no where but in those Persons whose Methods and Deportments gives us too great cause to believe would be Papists themselves, or of any Religion, or none at all, to have but the Cover of one, to help to read both Church and State, and the Government thereof, to be Governours themselves. If such a (pretended) Patriot we had (too late to be forgotten, and too soon to have such at all) we solemnly declare to Your Sacred Majesty and the whole World, it was not our fault or Choice, but our Misfortune to be imposed upon. That Your Majesties Royal Declaration, which we cannot with Reverence enough mention, hath removed those terrible Apprehensions from such amongst us as were thus blinded in their Judgments, and wounded in their Loyalty, and makes them now to see who is the true Defender of their Faith, and gives Your Majesties most Loyal Subjects (whom neither the Misrepresentations and Practices of such ill Men, nor the Spawn of Faction and Enflaming Pamphlets, could at all draw from our Affection and Duty to Your Majesty) a perfect assurance that neither the emissaries of the Church of Rome, on the one hand, nor that dreadful Faction on the other (whose Ambition and Designs terminated in the fall of the best of Kings and Monarchies it self) shall Triumph on the Destruction of our Liberties and Religion: With all possible Gratitude, we acknowledge Your Majesties Princely Care for Preservation of both, and do Implore Your Sacred Majesty to receive this our most humble Thanks, the which, though it comes not so early as it ought to have done, it is with this Assurance from us, That our Lives and Fortunes stand at Your Majesties Disposal, and that we shall (as the rest of our Loyal Neighbours have declared before us) to the last drop of our Blood, and Penny of our Fortunes, stand by Your Majesty, in the Preservation of Your Royal Person, Crown, and Government, Your Lawful Successors, and the true Protestant Religion, against all Opposers whatsoever of either, with constant and steady Loyalty, being truly sensible it is our Interest as it is our Duty to do it. The dismal effects of our late Civil Wars hath Imprinted in our Hearts that Doctrine, That our Peace and Happiness consists only next to Gods Providence, in the safety of Your Sacred Person, Crown, and Prerogative, and when those are invaded, our selves are exposed to Destruction. From which, the great God, who did miraculously preserve Your Sacred Person, and restored you to us (when we were groaning under the Unsupportable Tyranny of Cruel and Bloody Usurpers) still Preserve and Deliver Your most Sacred Majesty, and grant your Majesty a long and Glorious Reign, for the safety and comfort of your Majesties Loyal Subjects, and the disappointment of all those that are given to Change. In Testimony of our Unanimous and Cordial Concurrency to what we have here declared, We have herewith affixed our Common-Seal, at *Mormouth* aforesaid.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Deputy-Lieutenants and Military Officers for Your County of *MONMOUTH*.

Most Gracious and Dread Sovereign,

W E Your Majesties most Loyal and ever Faithful Subjects, the Deputy-Lieutenants and Military Officers for Your County of *Monmouth*, having a due sense of Your Majesties Unparalleled Disposition to Preserve the Peace and Prosperity of this Your Kingdom; in all Humility and Sincerity, do beg Your Gracious Acceptance of our most hearty and unfeigned Thanks, for Your late Royal Declaration, and for Your Majesties continued Assurances, not only therein mentioned; but also in the whole course of Your Government, ever since Your most Happy Restauration; by which we are fully satisfied and assured of Your Majesties most just Resolutions of making the Laws the only Rule of Your Government, both in Church and State, thereby disappointing the Designs of all ill and Factious Men, whether of the Popish, Fanatical, or Common-Wealth Principles; and therefore, as in Duty bound, we do here Unanimously Declare before God and the World, That We are firmly Resolv'd to stand by Your Majesties most Sacred Person, the just Rights and Prerogatives of the Crown, the lawful Succession thereof, and the Government in Church and State, as by Law now established; and we shall use our utmost endeavours to encourage and support all Your Majesties Loyal Subjects amongst us, and to Undeceive such others, as the malicious and crafty Insinuations of disaffected Men have, or may at any time bring into any Suspicion of Your Government.

And Lastly, we crave leave to assure Your Majesty, that it is not the Example of Neighbouring Countries, but a deep sense of Loyalty and Duty, which hath occasion'd this Address, in which, though we may be late in point of time, yet we hope not to be last in Your Majesties Opinion, and Gracious Approbation; none of your Majesties Subjects being more stedfastly Resolved to stand by Your Majesty with their Lives and Fortunes, than we whose Names are hereunder Subscribed.

The Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesses, and other of the Inhabitants of this your Antient Borough of *PONTEFRAC*T.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

W E your Majesties most Dutiful, Obedient, and Loyal Subjects, the Mayor and Aldermen, Burgesses and other of the Inhabitants of this your antient Borough of *Pontefract*, having with no common transport of Joy, received, and with all due Reverence and Attention, heard your Majesties most Gracious and Seasonable Declaration published; do in all Humility judge it our Duty to render to your Majesty our most humble and unfeigned Thanks for the same, with all grateful satisfaction acknowledging, that no Loyal Subjects can either pray or wish for more than your Majesty hath been most Graciously pleased to assure all your Subjects, shall be the standard of your Royal Government.

The Consideration of which, doth not only add further Obligations to our Duty, but we hope will have the like

like effect upon all other your Majesties Subjects, to dispel those causeless jealousies suggested to your People by the assured Enemies of your established Government, and compose the Minds of every one (that is not confederate with them) to a steady and cheerful Obedience to the Laws, for that by fatal experience the whole Kingdom hath found, that one of the Original Causes of the late calamitous War, was the not crediting such Royal Declarations of Governing by the Laws, of preserving the Protestant Religion as it is now established, and maintaining the just Rights and Liberties of the Subjects; of all which your Majesty having been pleased to give fresh Assurances, they cannot but be convincing to all such as are not covertly designing Alterations in Church and State. We judge it the greatest Honor of this your Majesties Borough, that after the most execrable Murder of your Royal Father (of ever Blessed Memory) your Majesties just and undoubted Right of Succession, was here immediately proclaimed: and at the same time Medals were Coined with this Inscription, Post Mortem Patris pro Filio; as also that our Garrison held out the longest in the Defence of your Majesties most Sacred Title. And we do look upon your Majesties once Princely, now ruined Castle, our present demolished Parish Church, shattered Houses, bare and tottering Walls, to be the Testimonies of our past, and Obligations to our future Loyalty, that even from those Honourable Scars, we may instruct our Posterity in our, and their unshaken Fidelity.

Therefore in all Humility we beg, That Your Majesty will assuredly believe, that we shall steadily persevere in our unstained Loyalty, as well during the Intervals as Sessions of Parliaments (when your Majesty shall think fit in your Princely Wisdom to convene them): And as our Privileges of Electing Burgesses, have been antiently transferred by the Royal Favour of your Majesties Progenitors, and is the greatest Trust reposed in us, (so we shall, as in gratitude we are obliged) be faithful to the same, and use our uttermost endeavours to direct all our future Elections to the Service of Your Majesties Sacred Person and Royal Government, the Security of the Church of England, and affording necessary Supplies for the Support of the Honour and Grandure of your Majesty, and the Kingdom, and continue steadfast and faithful to the Succession of the Crown in the Right Line and Legal Course of Descent; And that we shall, (as in Duty bound) Devote our Lives and Fortunes to Your Majesties Service; And as we have hitherto with due Veneration admired Your Princely Wisdom and Counsel in the conduct of Your Affairs, in obviating the Designs of the pernicious Enemies of the Church and State, so we shall cheerfully acquiesce in all the Acts of Your Royal Government. And that Your Majesties happy Reign may be long and prosperous (to the Glory of God, the preservation of the Religion, as now established by Law, the Peace and Tranquility of Your Subjects) by a long and undisturbed Succession of Your Royal Family: (so as it may never be in the power of any to subvert the same, or Reduce us to that ever to be abhorred slavery we were under before Your Majesties most happy Restoration) are, and shall be, the strenuous wishes, and assiduous Prayers of, Great SIR, Your Sacred Majesties most Faithful, Dutiful, Obedient, Loyal, and True-hearted Burgesses and Inhabitants of Your Borough of Pontefract. Signed by about one hundred Persons.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Addresses of the Loyal Society of the Middle Temple.

May it please Your Majesty,

W E Your Majesties most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, being sensible of the great Ble-

sings which this Kingdom hath enjoyed, ever since Your Majesties happy Restoration, under Your Majesties most Gracious and Indulgent Government, and most especially, in the constant preservation of the established Religion, our Laws and Liberties; and this our satisfaction being lately renewed by your Majesties most Gracious Declaration, whereby your Majesty hath been pleased further to assure us of Your continued Resolutions to have frequent Parliaments, and Govern according to the Laws: which just Resolution of your Majesty, we doubt not but your Majesty will continue, and constantly maintain, and therefore think it our bounden Duty to Declare to Your Majesty and the whole World, our Affection and Zeal for Your Majesties Person and Government, both in Church and State, by Law established; and that we will not be wanting with our Lives and Fortunes, to serve Your Majesty against your Majesties and the Kingdoms Enemies, who under specious Pretences; and by possessing the People with groundless fears and jealousies, would bring us back into Anarchy and Confusion. That your most Sacred Majesty may happily disperse and confound the wicked contrivances of evil and unquiet men, who endeavour to disturb the Peace and Tranquility of your Majesties Government, and that Your Majesty may continue a long and happy Reign over us, shall ever be the constant Prayers of your most Loyal and Obedient Subjects.

The Humble Address of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Court of Assistants, and the rest of the Artillery-Company of London.

May it please your Sacred Majesty,

W E Your Majesties most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, being thoroughly sensible of the happiness we enjoy, under Your Majesties most benign Government; according to the just and easie Laws of this Kingdom, and of your Princely Goodness, expressed in your late Declaration; do beg leave to return our Humble and unfeigned Thanks for your most Gracious Assurances Your Majesty has been pleased therein to give, of your Resolution to continue so great Blessings to us: and to assure your Majesty, That we shall at all times (as by our Allegiance and Duty bound) with our best skill, which by your Majesties Allowance of this our Company we can attain to, and with an unalterable Resolution, be ready and cheerfully willing to spend the last drop of our Blood in the Defence of your most Sacred Person, and Government in Church and State, as by Law established.

The Humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Inhabitants of Your Borough of NEWARK upon TRENT.

May it please your most Excellent Majesty,

W E Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loving Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Inhabitants of Your Borough of Newark upon Trent, being sensible of the great advantage of Your Majesties most Gracious Declaration read unto us lately, concerning the reasons of your Dissolution of the two last Parliaments, do not only acquiesce (as all Loyal Subjects are bound) in Your Sacred Majesties most wise Resolutions, but look on our selves as obliged in this juncture of time, to express our Joy, and Thankfulness to Your Majesty, for your great Care

Care and Prudence, in preserving the Rights of your Crown, the Liberties of your Subjects, the Constitution of this Church of England, and the Protestant Religion as now established, from the Invasion of any who under the most specious and fair pretences, do, or shall endeavour to destroy them. And we do hereby assure Your most Gracious Majesty, that with our Lives and Fortunes, we will give you our best Assistance to maintain and preserve them. And do heartily wish we had been with the first in this our Loyal Address, as becomes us for those great Favours Your Majesty has been Graciously pleased to Confer upon us. Your Majesties Loyal and most Obedient Subjects.

Signed by 306 Persons.

To the Kings Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Officers of the Militia, and other Gentlemen, and Inhabitants of Your Majesties ISLE of WIGHT.

Great SIR,
WE Your Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects, the Officers of the Militia, and other Gentlemen and Inhabitants of Your Majesties Isle of Wight, together with the Mayors and Burgeses of the Corporations of *Newtown* and *Yarmouth*, in that Isle, Observing with all Humility, and due respect, the Contents of Your Majesties most Gracious Declaration, published lately in our several Churches, Humbly beg the liberty to express the grateful Sence we have of that singular Favour and Condescension. For though we never doubted Your Majesties Royal Wisdom, and Justice, in Governing according to the known Laws both in Church and State (the happy effects whereof we have already had in twenty years uninterrupted prosperity.) Yet seeing your Sacred Majesty hath not disdained in this publick manner, to manifest Your Princely Resolution to continue the same Method by protecting the Church as it is by Law established, and securing our Persons and Estates, both in and out of Parliament, against Arbitrary Government, and all unwarrantable Practices; We humbly take it to be our Duty unanimously to Declare, that we will with all cheerfulness Devote our Lives and Fortunes to Your Majesties Service. And we do, (as indeed we always ought in the greatest Humility) lament at Your Majesties Royal Feet, the misfortune of this Island, in becoming a Prison to that Royal Martyr, Your Majesties most blessed Father of most Glorious Memory; the thoughts whereof, by the Divine Grace, will keep us steddy in our Duty to Your Sacred Person, and lawful Successors, and make us watchful, especially over that sort of Men, who brought that horrid mischief upon us.

To the Kings Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Mayor and Burgeses of the Town of NOTTINGHAM.

WHo with all Humility and Thankfulness acknowledg your Majesties Grace, in Granting us Your Gracious Letters Patents of Confirmation of all the Liberties, Privileges, and Franchises that were given and Granted to our Predecessors, by the Monarchs of this your Majesties Kingdom of England, for the Support and Dignity of this your

Majesties Corporation. As also for your Majesties most Gracious Declaration, whereby we are fully assured and satisfied of the preservation of Monarchy in the Right Line of Succession; our enjoyment of the true Protestant Religion, our Persons, Rights and Properties preserved, according to the good Laws of this your Kingdom now in being.

And most Humbly Pray, that your most Sacred Majesty will be Graciously pleased to protect us in the due execution of those Laws formerly and now lately made for the preservation of your Sacred Person, as well against the Dissenters as Papists, who still continue their mischievous Designs (as in the Reign of your Majesties late Father of ever blessed Memory) of introducing an Arbitrary Government in Church and State, and the lessning that Free and Happy Government by Monarchy, which we pray and hope that the Almighty God will still continue in your Right Line, which is the faithful desires of us that Subscribe, and many hundreds more of this Corporation, to be, your Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects.

An Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Principal Burgeses, and Assistants, with other the Inhabitants of the Town and Borough of Okehampton in the County of DEVON.

To the Kings Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,
WE your Majesties most Dutiful and Obedient Subjects, the Mayor, Recorder, Principal Burgeses and Assistants, with other the Inhabitants of the Town and Borough of *Okehampton* in the County of *Devon*, whose Names are hereunto Subscribed; Having by your Majesties Gracious Declaration heard, what Royal Offers and Proceedings your Majesty hath been pleased to make for the perpetuating the establish'd Religion; for the preserving our Rights and Liberties, and for the Protecting us against Arbitrary Power in our fellow-subjects; And likewise knowing with what an infinite Patience and Condescension, you Majesty did submit to hear unreasonable Jealousies promoted; illegal Courses and Proceedings vindicated, and all the great and most benign Indulgences of your Sovereign Goodness misrepresented: And notwithstanding these Returns still expected, perswaded, labour'd to obtain a peaceable Concurrence for the Tranquility of your Kingdom. We your Majesties most Loyal Subjects, as we cannot but admire your Majesties Transcendent and Sacred Wisdom, which in that dangerous and confused Juncture did so seasonably interpose, and so calmly suppress those threatening Flames which were breaking forth; So we cannot but with all Duty, Devotion, and Humility, heartily Thank your Majesty; and particularly, that even after all those Indignities, your Majesty nevertheless following us rather with the Blessings of a mild and merciful Disposition, than with the Resentments of a great and powerful Provocation, and most Graciously preserving the Peace and Settlement of your People, before the vindication of your Majesties Royal Grandeur and Prerogative; doth Declare in the oblivion of these Irregularities, your constant Affection to Parliaments, your Resolution to Rule by the standing Laws of the Realm, and to continue the Succession in its right Line, which if once cut off, will in all probability, carry us again into the dreadful Ruines of Anarchy and Confusion. And we do also with the same Duty and Devotion assure your Majesty, that we will with the Courage of *Englishmen*, with the Sincerity of *Loyalists*, and with the Zeal of the truest Protestants, De-

send, Support, and Maintain your Majesties Sacred Person; and as God shall please, stand or fall in the preservation of your Majesties Government, and the Religion of the Church of England, as it is established by Law; and shall always pray as that Teaches us, That your Majesty may long live in Health and Wealth, and may vanquish and overcome all your Enemies; and finally after this Life may attain everlasting Joy and Felicity.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty

The Humble Address of your Majesties Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen and the chief Burgesses of the Burrough of Newport in the Isle of Wight.

WE having with all due Sense and Gratitude, received, and had read among us, your Majesties most Gracious Declaration, of the Reasons of Dissolving the two last Parliaments; do in all Humility acknowledge that by your Majesties gracious Favours therein Exhibited to all your Subjects, among innumerable other Acts of Grace, we are not only abundantly satisfied of your Majesties Royal Government, by the Established Laws and Protection of the True Religion legally settled, but are deeply sensible of, and affected with our own and the Nations Happiness under your most Auspicious Reign. Wherefore we most humbly beg your Majesties gracious Acceptance, of these our Humble, Hearty, and unfeigned Thanks. And we your Majesties truly Loyal Subjects, whose Lives and Fortunes are wholly devoted to your Majesties Service, will never cease to Pray: That God, the King of Kings, will bless your Majesty with length of Days, and all Prosperity, that your Majesty may long continue to make good to all the World, that, not so Great as Glorious Title, *Defender of the Faith*, till you receive your Reward, an Eternal Crown of Glory.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Bayliff, Recorder, Aldermen, Common-Council, and Inhabitants of your antient Corporation of Brecknock.

May it please Your Majesty.

WE your Majesties ever Loyal Subjects, the Bayliff, Recorder, Aldermen, Common-Council, and Inhabitants of your antient Corporation of Brecknock (Having seen your Majesties most Gracious Condescension, in publishing the Reasons of some of your late Actions in your Government, and heard your Gracious Resolutions to Govern by our known Laws, and to have frequent Parliaments) Do believe our selves obliged by all the ties of Duty and Gratitude, to tender at your Majesties Sacred Feet, our Lives and Fortunes to be at your Devotion, in defence of your Majesties Person, Crown and Government, against all your Enemies, whether the Firebrands of Rome, or any other Ingrateful, Obstinate, Fanatical Dissenters, who shall endeavour to undermine or subvert that Government, and the Religion (of the most spotless Church in the Christian World) which is Established by Law, and which your Majesty hath hitherto piously preserv'd, and most Graciously Declar'd, constantly to defend.

We hope your Majesty will be Graciously pleased to accept of our most Humble Acknowledgments, and this offering of our untainted Loyalty: though

we come late in respect of several Addresses of the same kind, which your Majesty hath received from many of your Loyal Subjects; for we do not this so much by example, as out of a sincere, and a grateful Sense of your Majesties Goodness. And we doubt not, but your Majesty will be Graciously please to pardon us, if we use the same Expressions with some that have come before us. for Loyalty is still the same, must speak the same Language, and is so rooted in our Hearts, as ever to pray for your Long Life and perpetual Prosperity, and to be always ready to sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes in your Majesties Service. Given under our Hands and our Seal, at our Council Chamber at Brecknock the 10th Instant. Signed by above 400. Persons.

The Humble Address of the Lieutenants, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Military Officers, Clergy, Gentlemen, and Freeholders of your Majesties County of Bedford.

Dread Sovereign,

Belides the Gratitude we owe to God, the Duty wherewith we stand bound to your Majesty doth at this time call upon us to express the great sense we have of your Majesties Princely Goodness, Justice, and Mercy, which ever since your most blessed and happy Restauration has been such, as was of it self enough to fix in our hearts a most firm belief of a constant enjoyment of those unspeakable Blessings which have been derived upon us from the benign Influence of your Majesties most equal and prudent Government. But your Majesties late Declaration, as it hath made us the most obliged, so should we be the most ungrateful people in the World, if we did not profess (what we here in all humility do) our most hearty and thankful Repentment of the Royal assurance you are pleased to give us therein to remove all the reasonable Fears and causeless Jealousies which some ill men (whose attempts we abhor and detest) have endeavoured to insinuate into the people; thereby to alienate their Allegiance from your Majesty, and to subvert the Government of both Church and State; when as those very persons that would blow these distrusts into the minds of your Loyal Subjects have taken the ready way themselves to bring in that which they accuse others of, as well by weakening your Majesties Prerogative (which by Law we are bound to support) as by defaming the true Sons of the Church of England, which (as now Established) is the best, if not the only Bulwark against Popery: That your Majesty may see we are not swayed by any such Seditious and Factious designers, we do assure your Sacred Majesty, That we will (as in duty and conscience bound) stand by you to the utmost hazard of our Lives and Estates, in the Preservation of your Sacred Person, your Heirs and Lawful Successors, and the Government in Church and State, as it is now established by Law. We Humbly beg your Majesties acceptance of this Dutiful Address and ready Resolution of us Your Majesties most Obedient, Faithful, and Loyal Subjects.

Signed by about 200 Persons.

The Humble Address of the Nobility, Gentry, and Freeholders of the County of Leicester, began at the general Quarter-Sessions of the Peace held for the said County, at the Castle of Leicester, May 31. 1681. by the Justices of the Peace, and Grand Jury there present, and agreed by the Nobility, Clergy, Gentry, and Freeholders of the said County, not then present, who have since Subscribed the same.

May it please Your most Excellent Majesty,

After several Addresses which have been made by many of your Loyal Subjects, let your Majesty be pleased graciously to receive the Acknowledgment and Thanks of those that are not the least Loyal amongst them (the Nobility, Gentlemen, and Freeholders of your Majesties County of Leicester) for your Majesties Gracious Declaration after the Dissolution of your last Parliament, wherein we with great satisfaction clearly discern your Majesties Royal Wisdom and Resolution to obstruct and defeat the Designs of those persons, who under fair and deluding pretences, have endeavoured by strange Artifices to invade the Rights of the Crown, the Liberties of the Subjects, and the Constitution of the Church of England as it is now Established by Law. And we beg of your Majesty to continue the same Royal Resolution, and we shall be ready to assist your most excellent Majesty with our Lives and Fortunes in maintaining them and that gracious Determination which your Majesty hath made, To Govern us by the Law of the Land.

Signed by above 1600 Persons, and presented the One and Twentieth of June.

The Humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of Durham.

May it please your Most Sacred Majesty,

Vyour Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects, considering, That it hath pleased Almighty God by a wonderful Providence, to preserve your Majesties Sacred Person, your Government, the true Protestant Religion, with the Liberties and Properties of your Protestant Subjects, notwithstanding the Devilish Attempts and Plots of our Adversaries, the Papists, and others, Do render most humble Thanks to the great God of Heaven, who has placed us under so good and Gracious a King whose Wisdom and Resolution have been chiefly instrumental in this our Preservation. And more particularly, your Majesties late Declaration, published in our Churches, has surprized and astonished us with Joy; the good effects of it being such, that when we expected scarce any thing less than Confusion, immediately it caused the greatest Satisfaction and Quiet. For all which we are obliged in Duty to make our most humble Acknowledgments of your Princely Care and Vigilancy over us, the continuance whereof we presume not in the least to doubt, and therefore offer not to importune your Majesties declared intentions, especially in what belongs not to us; the appointing times and Seasons, for Parliaments being solely in your own Power, and a restored Prerogative, which we hope will never be parted with again. And we heartily wish that the Swarms of Libellous and Seditious Pamphlets, which with amazing and unparallel'd Insolence are daily spread abroad, purposely to bring your Majesties Honour, Power, and Greatness into Contempt, were speedily suppressed, and severely punished, attending to Alienate the

good Affections of your Subjects from your Majesty, and in the Consequence to Dissolve the Ancient Government, even of the Monarchy it self.

And we assure your Majesty, That we are it oft ready to expose our selves, our Lives and Fortunes, and all things dear to us, for preserving your Royal Person, your Lawful Heirs and Successors, your present Government in Church and States, as the best Security to Protestant Religion, and the Peace of your Kingdom. Nor is this the sense of a Majority, and a divided Body, but unanimously agreed to and Subscribed by above Six Hundred of the Principal Citizens, and Inhabitants besides.

The Humble Address of the Principal Rulers and the rest of the Society of Cliffords-Inn.

May it please your most Excellent Majesty,

WE your Majesties most Obedient and Loyal Subjects, the Principal Rulers, and the rest of the Society of Cliffords-Inn, being truly sensible of your Princely Care, and Royal Virtue, in the equal distribution of Justice in these your Majesties Kingdoms, by which means we have been secured from dangers at home and abroad; the Law have had their due course, our Religion and Property have not been invaded, and we have enjoyed the Blessings of Peace and Plenty: We think our selves obliged in Duty and Conscience to pray to Almighty God for the Continuance of your Majesties Glorious and Prosperous Reign.

And your Majesty being lately Graciously pleased to Declare your Royal Intention of Governing according to Law; we presume with all Humility to render your most Gracious Majesty our most hearty Thanks, with this assurance, That for the preservation of your Majesties Sacred Person and Government both in Church and State, as it is now established by Law; we will at all times stand by, and assist your Majesty with our Lives and Fortunes as one Man; This Humble Address being agreed on in our Publick Hall *nemine contradicente*. Signed by the Principal, and about 80 besides.

The Humble Address of Your Majesties most Loyal and obedient Subjects, the Bailiff and Principal Burgesses of the Borough and Parish of Buckingham, together with most of the principal Inhabitants thereof, whose Names are hereunto Subscribed.

May it please your most Excellent Majesty,

VWE being really sensible of the happiness which we, with the rest of your Majesties Subjects, have enjoyed under your Majesties most Gracious and most Just Government, since your blessed Restoration, cannot but with all Humility cast our selves at your Majesties Feet, to offer our most humble and hearty Thanks for your late most Gracious Declaration, of your most pious and just Resolution to continue to Govern your Subjects according to the known Laws of the Land; and we think it our Duty, at this time, most humbly to profess and declare to your Majesty, That we are resolved to Sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes (whenever we shall be called to it) in the Defence of your Majesties most Sacred Person, and in the Maintenance of the Protestant Religion, the Monarchical Government, and of the Lawful Succession, as they are now by Law Established, in opposition to all Seditious, Popish, or Rebellious Persons whatsoever.

And as we have been always Loyal to your Royal Father

Father of ever blessed Memory, and to your Majesty in the late times of Usurpation and Rebellion, so we are resolved to persevere unto the end in the same Duty and Loyalty; And as becomes all Good and Loyal Subjects to continue to pray, that God would grant You a long Life, and a happy and peaceable Reign over us. Signed by 247.

The Humble Address of Your Majesties Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and Officers of Your Majesties Militia of the County of Gloucester.

May it please your most Sacred Majesty,
WE do in all Duty and Submission acquiesce in the just Reasons and Causes your Majesty hath been pleased to make known to Your whole Kingdom by your most Gracious Declaration for Dissolving the two last Parliaments, and your most Gracious Resolution, To Govern your People according to the Laws now Established both in Church and State: In most humble and thankful acknowledgment whereof, and the high sense of our bounden Duty, we presume to make this humble tender of our firm and stedfast Resolutions, To Sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes for the Preservation of Your Majesties Sacred Person (whom God long preserve) the defence of the Protestant Religion, Monarchical Government, and the Succession, all as now established by the known Laws of this Kingdom, pursuant to your Majesties Declaration, against all Opposers, of what Sect or Faction soever they be.

To the Kings most Sacred Majesty.

The most faithful and unfeigned Thanks and Resolves, of the Bayliff, Recorder, Burgeses, and principal Inhabitants of your Majesties Borough of Abergavenny in the County of MONMOUTH.

Great SIR,
WE your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, seriously reflecting on the exceeding great Felicity, which we and all your Majesties Subjects enjoy, by your Majesties Gracious Reign over us; humbly return your Majesty our most hearty Thanks, for your steady Resolutions, of maintaining the Rights of the Crown, the Succession in its due course, the Protestant Religion as by Law now established, the Rights of your Subjects, their Liberties and Properties, against the Arbitrary proceedings, of all Faction and Designing Men; and in condescending to give us fresh assurances thereof, by your Majesties Gracious Declaration, bearing date the 8th. day of April 1681. And therefore being confident of your Majesties perseverance, in such your Majesties great and pious Resolutions; We beg Your Majesty to believe, that we are firmly resolv'd to stand by Your Majesty, your Heirs and lawful Successors, with our Lives and Fortunes, in the prosecution of these ends, against all opposition whatsoever; the which we shall at all times, and upon all occasions, be in the greatest readiness to perform; as glad to shew our selves, *Great SIR, Your Majesties most Dutiful, and most Loyal Subjects.*

The Humble Address of Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Lord Lieutenant, Deputy Lieutenants, the Colonel, Captains, and all other Officers and Souldiers of Your Majesties Militia in the County of NORTHAMPTON.

Humbly Sheweth,

THat we being infinitely satisfied with Your Majesties gracious and firm Resolutions of using your utmost endeavours to preserve the Government as it is now by Law Established both in Church and State, sufficiently made known and secured to us, and to all Your Majesties Dutiful, Loyal, and Obedient Subjects, by your late most Gracious Declaration published for that purpose. It gives us Encouragement, with all Duty, Loyalty, and Submission, humbly to beg leave to tender to your Majesty our most humble Thanks for the same; and to give you a perfect assurance, That we are unanimously resolved to venture our Lives and Fortunes for the preservation of your Majesties Sacred Person (which God long preserve) as of your Heirs and Lawful Successors, and for maintenance of the Government as it is now by Law Established in Church and State; and that we will be ready, at any time when your Majesty shall Command us, to March out and Fight against any Rebels, Traitors, or Conspirators, that shall presume to appear against your Majesty, your Heirs and Lawful Successors: And although we happen to be later than others in this Address, and humble Presentment of our Duties (not knowing till we had Examples, how it would be accepted by your Majesty) yet we beseech you to be assured, That none of your Subjects shall ever be before us in our Zeal, Obedience and Affection, to your Majesties Sacred Person and Service.

The Humble Address of the Deputy Lieutenants, and other the Gentry, Inhabitants, Freeholders, and Freemen of the City and County of Coventry, whose names are hereunto Subscribed.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty,
WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, having so lately had the sad experience, that no Arbitrary Power can be so grievous, as that which in the memory of many has been exercised by those who pretended to free us from it, cannot but admire the restless disposition, and vain hopes of some; the unwearied, easie, and servile temper of others, that are willing to be twice caught in the same toil, that cannot foresee the Design and end is like to be the same, when they may plainly see already the same methods and pretences are openly declared in those secret insinuations and open invectives against Monarchy and Episcopacy, which are spread among us by Men of base Designs, and disloyal Principles: we think it might be sufficient satisfaction to all reasonable and sober Subjects, against all suspicions of Arbitrary Power, that your Majesty hath been pleased hitherto to make the Law the Rule of your Government, and to express your Royal Pleasure in your most Gracious Declaration to do so for the future: And we return these our most humble thanks, for that your Majesty has been Graciously pleased in so solemn a way, to publish your Royal Intentions of making use of frequent Parliaments, the times and seasons for their Meeting, as it is your Majesties undoubted Right to appoint, so we rest fully satisfied, that such is your Majesties great Prudence and Care for your Subjects, as to call them at
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such times as shall be most for your Majesties and the Nations Honour, and your Peoples good; And we heartily wish, that in all places (as we shall do our endeavour in our Sphere) such Representatives may be Elected, as may answer the expectation of their King and Country: And we do also render our most Humble Thanks, for that Your Majesty has been pleased so seasonably to free us from all strange fears and jealousies of any Invasion upon our Laws, our Properties or Liberties: But above all, we desire to return our most Dutiful, and most Humble Acknowledgments for that by often repeated Assurances Your Majesty has been Graciously pleased to secure unto us the true established Protestant Religion, by all desirable ways and means, excepting only such as no true Right grounded Orthodox Protestant can think agreeable to his Profession, to the establish'd Government of the Church, or to the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy; we therefore return our unfeigned Thanks to Your Sacred Majesty, the Defender of our Faith, that our Church has yet a Being, that Injustice has not been establish'd by Law, that our Peace has not been undermined, and that our Consciences have not been ensnared. And we do publickly Declare, That as in the true Protestant Sence, we have taken the entire Oaths of *Allegiance and Supremacy*; so we hope by the Grace of God as entirely to keep them, and not by halves, or with any Jesuitical reservation, pretend to be true to Your Majesty, and yet false and perjured to your Lawful Successors. And we do in all Humility assure Your Sacred Majesty, That if there shall be occasion (which God forbid) we will willingly part with our Lives and Fortunes, in the Defence of Your Majesties Sacred Person, Crown and Dignity; and in the maintenance of the Government, as it is now established in Church and State.

Signed by above 400 Persons.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgeses, and Commonalty of the Town and Borough of HELSTONE in the County of CORNWALL.

Most Dread Sovereign,
W E Your Majesties most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgeses, and Commonalty of Your Majesties ancient Town and Borough of *Hellstone* in Your County of *Cornwall*, Humbly presume to cast our selves at Your Majesties Royal Feet, in a dutiful and grateful Acknowledgement of the great Benefits and Blessings, that both we, and all other Your Majesties Subjects have had and enjoyed by, and under Your Majesties Just and Gracious Government, ever since Your Majesties happy Restauration to the Possession of Your Royal Right, after a most unparallel'd Rebellion; And as by that Your Majesties happy Restauration, all Your Majesties Subjects were restored to the Exercise and Enjoyment of the true Reformed Religion, established by Law, and to all their Civil Rights, Properties and just Liberties, which before were all taken away by Despoticall, Tyrannous, and Usurping Powers; So we do with Hearts filled with the greatest measures of Joy and Satisfaction, and Humble and Sincere Thankfulness, acknowledg your Majesties constant Care, Royal Wisdom, and unwearied Endeavours, in the continuance and preservation of our Religion, by Law established, our Temporal Laws, and all our Properties and just Rights,

and whatsoever is desirable by rational Men, or sober Christians, and with them our Peace, Plenty, and Prosperity, which (under God) flow from Obedience and Loyalty. Most Gracious Sovereign, we well know the great distance betwixt a Subject and a Sovereign; and that whatever we can do for and towards the Support, Preservation, and maintenance of the just Rights and Prerogative of Your Majesty, and Your Imperial Crown, is but Duty both by Divine and Humane Laws; yet we find your Majesty in imitation of Divine Goodness, hath been pleased to Attract and Encourage our Obedience, Duty and Loyalty, upon all occasions by your care of us, and whatsoever is dear unto us, either as Men or Christians; and by a constant course of repeated Acts of Royal Condescension, and Princely Bounty and Clemency, particularly, in your Care, Wisdom, and Justice, in the Discovery and Punishment of the late Popish Plot; And also in preventing all Contrivances and Designs of turbulent, and seditious Sectaries from being effected; and the Satisfaction your Majesty hath been pleased to give all your Subjects, in that your Majesties late Declaration, touching the Causes and Reasons of Dissolving the two last Parliaments, and the fresh assurance your Majesty hath therein given, of your great Care, not only to secure our established Religion, during your Majesties own Life, (which God long preserve) but likewise to preserve the same from alteration and subversion; to our Posterity, by your Wisdom and Condescension in the Expedient by your Majesty proposed, to preserve the same, in such manner, as that Religion and Loyalty might remain and flourish together. And likewise in that your Majesties Gracious Resolution therein Declared, to have frequent Parliaments, to endeavour to extirpate Popery, redress Grievances, and in all things to Govern according to the Laws of the Kingdom. And we do hereby in a just retribution for your Majesties Royal Favours; and in a serious sence of our own Duties of Allegiance, solemnly Declare and Protest, to Assist, and fully Obey your Majesty in the preservation of your Majesties Person, just Prerogative, and lawful Successors, the true Reformed Religion by Law established, and the Laws of the Realm, with our Lives and Fortunes; well-knowing, that pure Religion is always peaceable; and that they that resist your Majesties Person or Authority, resist the Ordinance of God, and shall receive to themselves Damnation. Given under our Hands, and the Common Seal of the said Borough, at the Guild-Hall of the said Borough aforesaid, this 15th day of June, in the three and thirtieth year of your Majesties Reign.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Mayor and Free Burgeses of your Majesties ancient Borough of *Bossny, Trevena, and Tintagell*, in your Majesties County of *Cornwall*.

W E your Majesties most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, being deeply sensible of the repeated Instances of your Majesties Grace and Favor to us; and more particularly, by your Majesties late Gracious Declaration, do esteem our selves obliged in all Duty, Loyalty, and Humility, to return your Sacred Majesty our bounden Thanks for the most Gracious Assurances you have been pleased therein to renew to us, of Governing us according to the known Laws of the Realm; beseeching your Majesty to accept from us, your ever Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, our steadfast Resolutions of
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standing by your Majesty, and your lawful Successors, with our Lives and Fortunes, in the preservation of the established Government in Church and State; And when your Majesty out of your Princely Wisdom shall think fit to assemble your Great Council of Parliament, we shall make it our care to chuse Persons so qualified, as most effectually to represent us; and we most earnestly beseech Almighty God, to bless your Majesty with a long and prosperous Reign; and that your Majesties Person and Government, may be entirely freed from the devilish Machinations of all Popish and Factional Incendiaries, or any other sort of unreasonable Men that shall endeavor to rob us of those Blessings which we have so uninterruptedly enjoyed, ever since your Majesties most Glorious Restauration. Sealed with our Town-Seal this 10th day of June, 1681.

Signed by 121.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Loyal Apprentices of the City of LONDON.

May it please your Most Sacred Majesty,

WE the Young Men, Apprentices of the City of London, and your Majesties most Dutiful Subjects, do daily praise God for the Blessings we enjoy under your most Gracious Government, in the Security of our Religion, Liberties and Properties; and in the comfortable hopes we receive of reaping the fruits of our Services and Industry in our respective Trades and Callings, under your Royal Protection.

We do therefore take the boldness to present our most thankful Acknowledgments to your Princely Bounty for all these Benefits, and to offer to your Majesty our Resolutions, as one Man, to employ our Lives and Fortunes, to the utmost, in the Preservation and Defence of your Sacred Person, Prerogative and Government; and likewise to defend the True Protestant Religion, as by Law Established, against all Opposers whatsoever, as well Papists as others, who, under colour of finding Faults with the Government, endeavor to alienate the hearts of your Majesties good Subjects from their Duty to their Sovereign.

We do humbly presume to implore your Sacred Majesties Gracious Acceptance of this Tribute of Gratitude from your most obedient Subjects, in return of what we owe to the most Gracious Goodness of your late Princely Declaration, and to the incomparable Clemency of your Majesties Administration and Government; which we humbly beseech God long to continue unto your Majesty, and to Crown your Royal Virtues, after this Life, with Immortal Glory.

Signed by many Thousands, Apprentices of London.

The Humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Assistants, and Inhabitants of the Borough of PENRYN in the County of Cornwall.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE your Majesties most Obedient Subjects the Mayor, Aldermen, Assistants, and Inhabitants of your Majesties Borough of Penryn in the County of Cornwall, having lately heard your Majesties most Gracious Declaration, published by your Majesties Royal Command, (do, with all humility, according to our bounden Duty and Allegiance to your Majesty, our onely Sovereign Lord and King) Present

your Majesty with all imaginable Thanks and Acknowledgments for the same. We are sufficiently sensible of the great Peace and Tranquility we have enjoyed, under your Majesties most wise and prudent Government, since your Majesties Happy Restauration to your Crown and Kingdoms, whereby our Laws, Religion and Liberties, were redeemed from the Pressures of Tyranny and Usurpation; And notwithstanding most Parts of Christendom have been involved in War and Blood, yet by your Majesties Profound Judgment and Councils, we have not only been preserved from those Misfortunes, but your Majesty hath been a Bulwark to your Allies, and Terror to their Enemies. Nor can we doubt but that great God, who so often hath miraculously hitherto preserved your Majesties Royal Person, will still assist your Majesty with his Grace and Favor, to trample on the Necks of all your Enemies. We cannot omit (with all possible Joys and Gracitudes) to confess your Majesties great Goodness towards us, and all other your Majesties Subjects, in that your Majesty hath been Graciously pleased to assure us by your Royal Word, That the Laws shall be the Rule of your Majesties Government, both in Church and State; That Frequent Parliaments shall be called; And that no Arbitrary Power shall be permitted to invade your Majesties Subjects in their Rights or Properties; That Popery and Fanaticism shall be depressed, and the True Protestant Religion in its Purity (as established by Law in the Church of England) shall be supported amongst us; so that if your Majesties Ministers and Officers, in their respective Places, do with Cheerfulness and Vigor discharge their Trusts and Duties, all the Designs of Factional and Ill Men will be so obviated and defeated, that your Majesties Reign over us (which we pray God long to continue) will be Crowned with Serenity and Peace. And as we have the Honor to be a Corporation, by the Grace and Favor of your Majesties Royal Ancestors; we shall with all Cheerfulness and Courage, discharge our Duties to your Majesty and the Laws in our several Capacities and Stations: And do humbly offer up to your Majesty our Lives and Fortunes, and our All, to defend your Majesties Royal Person, Prerogatives and Rights, against all Attempts whatsoever; and will continue True, Loyal, and Faithful Subjects to your most Sacred Majesty, your Heirs and lawful Successors.

Signed by about 124.

The Humble Address of your Majesties Loyal Subjects of the Town and Port of DEALE.

May it please your Majesty,

WHEREAS we cannot but be sensible of the great Happiness and Prosperity we and all your good Subjects have lived in under your Majesties most Gracious Government, since your Majesties most blessed Restauration; we do think that we should appear a most ungrateful People both to God and our King, if we should not render Thanks to both; especially at this time when your Majesty has by a new Instance of Love to your Subjects, condescended by a late Declaration (which we have heard read) to promise a continuation of all our Happiness, by giving your Royal Word, in all things to Govern according to the Laws of the Kingdom, by which we hope the present establishment by Law, both in Church and State, under which, the Nation has for so many years (and alone) flourished, to be so secured unto us, that the Plots and Contrivances of (whatever) evil Men shall not be able to change or ruin it.

And therefore we beseech your Majesty to accept of and believe that we do render your Majesty our most hearty

heartly and unfeigned Thanks for this your Princely Care of us, and all your Obedient and Loyal Subjects.

And because (as we hear) many proud, restless and Ambitious Men, our fellow Subjects, do by scandalous Pamphlets or other ways, endeavour to asperse and defame Your Majesties Royal Person and Government; And some make it their business to encroach upon the Regalities, to lessen and diminish the just Privileges of this Impartial Crown of England; nay, and (perhaps) even to change the Monarchy into a Common-wealth, and again to banish, or extirpate the Royal Family, and bring us into Bondage under the Tyranny of an armed Fanatical Mercile's Multitude; whilst others of Popish Principles seek the death of your Sacred Majesty, to change our Religion, to introduce Idolatry and Superstition:

We humbly beseech your Majesty to believe, that we detest and abhor the Principles and Endeavours of all such evil Men: And that we will in defence of your Majesties Person and Government, of your Heirs and Successors, and of our Religion, as by Law now established, spend the last drop of our Blood, and every thing that is near and dear unto us, valuing our Conscience and Loyalty to our King, more than any thing in this World. And so praying God to Grant your Majesty a long, peaceful and triumphant Reign over us here, and after that to reward you with a Crown of Joy and Glory in Heaven. We Subscribe your Majesties most Dutiful and Obedient Subjects. Signed by 362.

The Humble Address of the Inhabitants of the ancient Borough of Great Marlow in the County of Bucks.

May it please your most Sacred Majesty,

WE your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Inhabitants of the ancient Borough of Great Marlow in the County of Bucks, having with great joy heard your Majesties most Gracious Declaration read in our Church, with all Humility return your Sacred Majesty our most unfeigned and hearty Thanks for the same, especially for your Royal Care to maintain the Protestant Religion, as now by Law established amongst us; and your Gracious Promises of having frequent Parliaments, and of both making the known Laws your Rule, and of Declaring your Royal intention of not suffering any others to exercise Arbitrary Power over us. In acknowledgment of which transcendent Favour, we humbly presume to lay at your Sacred Majesties Feet, the promise of our poor assistance with our Lives and Fortunes, against all manner of opposers. Blessing God for giving us such an Excellent Prince, and praying for your Majesties long Life, Health and Happiness. Signed by 222.

The Humble Address of the Loyal Party of your Majesties ancient Town and Borough of Chesterfield in your County of Derby.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty,

WE your Majesties most Humble, most Obedient and most Dutiful Subjects, do heartily with all cheerful, humble, and due Submission and Obedience, return our Loyal Thanks to your most Sacred Majesty for your most Gracious Declaration, and principally for asserting and supporting your Royal Prerogative, in Calling, and Dissolving Parliaments at your Princely Pleasure, and thereby preserving us from the late growing Usurpation, of Arbitrary Go-

vernment, by imprisoning your Majesties Subjects, and other irregularities, committed by the late House of Commons; And for that your Majesty will put the Laws in Execution against all Dissenters, of what sort soever, from the True Protestant Church of England, which is a sure Support of Monarchy, a Curb to Disloyalty, and the onely strong Tower of Defence against Rome, and the Phanatics, the Nurlings of the Pope.

For these your Majesties most Royal and Gracious Mercies and Favors, we, as in Duty bound, submit, and offer both our Lives and Fortunes to your Majesties Command, for the preservation of your Majesties most Sacred Person, the Lawful Heirs of your Imperial Crown, and the Established Laws of this Nation.

Your Majesties most Loyal Subjects.

The Humble Address of the Nobility, Gentry, and Clergy of the West-Riding of YORKSHIRE.

May it please your Sacred Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most Loyal and Faithful Subjects, the Nobility, Gentry, and Clergy of the West-Riding of York-shire, do hold our selves in Duty bound, to render your Majesty our humblest Thanks and Acknowledgments for your great Goodness in vouchsafing by your Declaration to give a general assurance, that Your Majesty will always make the Law the Rule of your Government, of which we no ways doubt. That your Majesty is also pleased to Declare your Royal intentions to have frequent Parliaments, and to preserve the Government both in Church and State, as it is now established by Law; we are bound most humbly to thank Your Majesty for such Comforts, as in Your Princely Consideration you thereby afford us; and upon so great cause to express them, we do in all Humility beseech your Majesty Graciously to accept of these duties to you, and withal of our faithful Protections, with our Lives and Fortunes, to maintain your Majesties Crown and Dignity against all attempts whatsoever, praying to God for your Majesties long and Prosperous Reign over us, and all your Dominions, and afterwards of your Majesties lawful Successors.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of your Majesties Officers of the Militia, with the Gentlemen, and other Loyal Inhabitants of Your Majesties ancient City of CANTERBURY.

May it please your Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, having with the greatest satisfaction heard your Majesties late Declaration (which certainly cannot but excite in all Loyal Hearts the most grateful acknowledgments) think our selves highly obliged (out of the sense of Gratitude as well as Duty) to return our unfeigned Thanks to your Sacred Majesty for those Royal and steady Resolutions your Majesty has been pleased to manifest to your Subjects in it, viz. That your Majesty would constantly maintain the Crown in its just Rights and due course of Succession; That you would Govern your People by the known Laws of the Land; and as your Majesty had resolved not to exercise any Arbitrary Power over us your self, so you would not suffer it in our fellow Subjects; and that which is more dear un-

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to us than any Secular Interest, your Majesty has been freely pleased to assure us that you would protect the Orthodox Church of England (which never yet taught Subject to Rebel.) We therefore who have Subscribed this Address, do with Hearts filled with Loyalty, as well as Gratitude, assure your Sacred Majesty, that we will at all times, to the utmost hazard of our Estates and Lives, assist Your Majesty, your lawful Heirs and Successors, in Defence of the Crown, and Church, and the established Laws of the Land, against all Popish and Fanatical Designs whatsoever, and this Honest and Loyal Resolution, we do faithfully promise to adhere to and maintain, and that we will always continue, *Your Majesties most Dutiful and Obedient Subjects.* Signed by near 400 Persons.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of Your Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects, the Mayor, Recorder, and Burgesses of your Majesties Borough of the Devises, in the County of Wilts, unanimously agreed upon to be presented to Your most Sacred Majesty at a Common-Council there held the 15th of this Instant June, Anno. Dom. 1631.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majesties said Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, do in all Humility render unto Your Majesty our hearty Thanks for Your Majesties most Gracious Declaration of the 8th of April last, and those instances of your Royal Goodness and Condescension therein: And we do promise heartily, that we will on all occasions (and as in Duty bound) endeavour to the utmost of our Abilities, the preservation of Your Majesties Sacred Person, Royal Prerogatives, and the true Religion, as now by Law established, against all Popish, Seditious, and Faction attempts whatsoever.

And we do with much comfort and satisfaction acquiesce in your Majesties Princely Government; and in all sincerity assure Your Majesty, that when you shall be pleased hereafter to call a Parliament, we will as much as in us lies, Elect such Representatives, as may be ready to perform that Service to your Majesty, which in the true affections of our hearts we do profess, and likewise we do, and shall pour out our daily and devout Prayers to the King of Kings for Your Majesties long Life, happy and auspicious Reign, and prosperous Estate of your Majesty, and Royal Successors after you for ever.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Deputy-Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and Officers of the Militia, in the County of Hereford.

May it please your Sacred Majesty,
Though we are infinitely satisfied, that the Administration of the Government, since your Majesties happy and miraculous Restoration is such, as doth in Excellency out-do all other Parts of the Christian World, and is every way equal to that of your most Renowned Ancestors, for Justice and Mercy, and needs not the weak Suffrage of your most devoted Subjects and Servants to attest it; yet since your Majesty hath, for the satisfaction of your People, so far manifested your Royal Goodness and Gracious Condescension, as to publish your late Declaration, to disabuse the Credulous,

to inform the Ignorant, and to call back the Lapsed to their lost station of Integrity; we conceive it our Duty in such a discriminating time of Loyalty, and Indifference (if not Faction) to give your Majesty some assurances of the Content and Pleasure we enjoy daily under your Protection, and Sovereign Power, by the steady Conduct whereof we are at once safe, peaceable and happy. The frequent Instances we have received of your Majesties Resolution to defend and support the True Protestant Religion, as by Law now Established; to extirpate Popery, to discountenance Fanaticism, raise our late dejected hearts to an excess of Joy, to see your Majesty Govern by the known Laws of the Land, disavowing all other ways, neither exercising Arbitrary Power your Self, nor permitting it in others our Fellow-Subjects, is the greatest Charter of our Liberty, and Security of our Property. Nor need we repeat our Petition of Right, when our Prince himself so strictly observes, and so kindly contends for it; That your Majesty is pleased to believe, that Parliaments are the best Method for healing the distempers of the Kingdom, and the only means to preserve the Monarchy in that due Credit and Respect it ought to have, both at home and abroad; That no Irregularities can make you out of Love with Parliaments, but that you are resolute to have frequent Ones, must needs convince us, That if by our Ingratitude we forfeit not these Blessings, we are the happiest People under Heaven, in a King and Government. From the due Sense of so eminent Mercies, and for the better ensuring the same to us and our Posterities, we do intirely and unanimously, as one Man, devote our selves, our Lives and Fortunes, to the preservation of your Majesties Sacred Person, your Heirs and Lawful Successors, and the Government in Church and State, as now by Law Established. We do with Horror and Grief of Heart remember, That by the Barbarous Murder of your Great Father of Blessed Memory, the Monarchy was shattered and interrupted, and our Lives, Liberties and Fortunes subjected to Tyranny, Oppression, and Arbitrary Power; in his Grave was our admirable Government buried, and in your Majesties happy Restoration raised again to the highest pitch of Greatness and Glory. In that Line may it still continue, till Kingdoms themselves shall be no more. Such weak Testimonies as these we humbly offer, not that we conceive we do hereby add any thing to the Greatness of your Government; but it is a pleasure to give new Engagements of that warm Loyalty which we feel in our Breasts for your Majesty; and though we have no reason to think it is in the least suspected, yet we know not but that our repeated Vows of Fidelity and Duty, may be as grateful to our Dread Sovereign, as to his Subjects it is delightful to hear his frequent Promises, solemnly made of preserving our Religion, Liberty and Property; however, this will serve to convince the world, that we are not unreasonable Petitioners, or join with that Herd that call their own subtle Contrivances Vox Populi; and in time (if they shall succeed) will be apt as much to miscall it Vox Dei. Our Debates are calm and honest, our Resolutions faithful, our Loyalty unshaken: For your Majesty we preserve our Fortunes and Lives, and for your Majesty (if we ever are called to it) will sacrifice both and dye,

Your Majesties most Obedient,

most Loyal and Humble

Subjects and Servants.

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The Humble Address of the Inhabitants of your ancient City of Westminster, and the Liberties thereof.

Dread Sovereign,

WE your Majesties most Truly, Loyal, and Obedient Subjects, Inhabitants of your ancient City of Westminster, and the Liberties thereof, do conceive it our bounden Duty gratefully to acknowledge the Justice, Wisdom, and Clemency exercised in your Government over us ever since your Majesties happy Restauration: And we humbly beg leave to tender our most hearty Thanks for the manifold benefits we and the whole Kingdom have enjoyed in your Majesties constant promoting and securing both at home and abroad the Trade and Commerce of this Nation; and for preserving to us our Liberties, Properties, and the true Protestant Religion by Law Established; and particularly, for your Majesties most seasonable Declaration, in which you are pleased to Express your Gracious Resolution of having frequent Parliaments; and both in and out of Parliament, to use your utmost endeavours to extirpate Popery, and to redress all the Grievances of your good Subjects, and in all things to Govern according to the Laws of the Kingdom. In Gratitude for all these, and many other your Majesties Princely Favours vouchsafed to us, we do firmly and unanimously promise to endeavour with our Lives and Fortunes, the preservation of your Majesties Sacred Person, your Heirs, and Lawful Successors, Your Royal Authority, and Your Majesties Government as now Established by Law, both in Church and State, against all opposers whatsoever.

Signed by some thousands.

The Humble Address of the Inhabitants of the Town of NORTHAMPTON:

May it please your Sacred Majesty,

WE your Majesties most Loyal and Faithful Subjects in your Town of Northampton, having received many singular Marks and Testimonies of your Grace and Bounty to us, more particularly in Rebuilding your said Town, and raising it out of the Ashes of a most dreadful Conflagration, to become one of the fairest Towns of your Kingdom. And being highly sensible of those many Obligations and dutiful Acknowledgments which we can never enough owe to your Majesty. When we (by your Majesties late Gracious Declaration) found added to your Grace and Favor those great assurances your Majesty has been pleased to give the world and us, of the great care your Majesty hath of us, and all your People, to preserve and govern us under your happy and peaceable Reign, which your Majesty has so justly and successfully done; ever since your happy Restauration. And that your Majesty will still Rule us according to the Laws, as they are now established both in Church and State; we laboured to have made an early Address to your Majesty in an unanimous Consent of the whole Town, to have paid our humble and hearty Thanks to your Sacred Majesty for those Royal Favours and Gracious Declaration; but this our Duty being so long neglected by some, we hope it will not yet be unacceptable to your Majesty, to receive the most humble and hearty Thanks of your Majesties Loyal Subjects here, for your unspeakable Grace and Clemency to us; for which we are an Duty bound, and will now and at all times defend your Majesties Sacred Person, your Heirs and lawful Successors, and the Government as it is now Established by Law, with the utmost of our Lives and Fortunes. Signed by about 350 Persons.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Inhabitants of the County of BRECON.

May it please your Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects of the County of Brecon, do in the greatest joy of our Souls, pay our most humble and hearty Thanks to your Majesty, for your late Gracious and most seasonable Declaration, which hath confirmed the hearts of all your Loyal Subjects, and reduced a great many to a Conscientious sense of their Duty and Obedience, who had been seduced by the subtilty of the Papists, or the sly insinuations of the Fanatick Separatists, into a distrust of your Majesties Pious Practice, and now Gracious Declaration of Governing us by our known Laws, and Preserving the Protestant Religion, as 'tis now established by Law. And we esteem this your Majesties most convincing Declaration to be a Demonstration of Gods Providence, and an argument of its continuance to your Sacred Majesty; For it hath put a new warmth into the hearts of your Loyal Subjects; and (by the controuling power of its Reason) disappointed the Designs of those Male-contents (or Common-weak Principles) who having tasted the Profits of Usurpation, may endeavour to involve us into a second unnatural Civil War and Rebellion.

And we present your Majesty our Lives and Fortunes at your Majesties Feet, in Defence of your Sacred Person, the Protestant Religion (as 'tis established by Law) your Government, and hereditary lawful Succession, against any, who shall endeavour to bury in confusion, the Glory of your Crown and Government, or the splendor of our Church. This we shall be always ready to put in Act, when by your Majesty Comanded, and ever to pray for your perpetual Felicity.

To the Kings Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Bayliffs, Portmen, and Common-Council of your Town and Burrough of IPSWICH.

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Bayliffs, Portmen, and Common-Council of your Town and Burrough of Ipswich, in the County of Suffolk, hold our selves by that Duty and Loyalty bound to acknowledge with all humble and hearty Thankfulness, the great and many Blessings, which we and all your Subjects enjoy, under Your Majesties Kind and Gracious Reign; as also, the Liberties and Franchises particularly Granted and Preserved to this place by your Royal Favour and Bounty: and we humbly beg leave further, to express our grateful and glad Resentments of satisfactions in your Majesties late Declared Resolutions, to maintain the Government both in Church and State, as by Law established (a Government most deservedly dear to us) as rendering your Subjects the most easie and happy People in the World. And we cheerfully lay our Lives and Fortunes at your Majesties Feet, avowing that they shall be so long, and no longer of price and value with us, than they may serve your Majesty, whom the God of Heaven long and long preserve. The earnest Prayer of, Dread Sovereign, your Majesties Faithful and Obedient Subjects.

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To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble and Dutiful Address of the Loyal Inhabitants of the Borough of AYLESBURY, in the County of Bucks.

Dread Sovereign;

Since Kings are only accountable to God for their Actions, we, and all good Subjects, must acknowledge, it was a great Condescension and Goodness in your Sacred Majesty, to vouchsafe your People that your late Gracious Declaration, dated the 8th of April 1681. whereby some have been undeceived; that by seditious Doctrines and Practices were misled, and others confirmed in their Loyalty and Duty. Although we your Majesties truly Loyal and Obedient Subjects have by long Experience, been very sensible of the great happiness we have enjoyed under your gracious and just Government, since your Majesties miraculous Restauration; and although (with admiration) of late years, we have more especially observed your Majesties Wisdom, Vigilance and Conduct, in preserving us in Peace and Tranquility, together with our Holy Religion, as by Law Established, our Liberties and Properties, maugre all the Contrivances of Papists, and other Ambitious, Faction, and Turbulent Spirits to the contrary. Yet do we thank our selves bound in Duty to God, your Majesty, and our Neighbors (in this juncture of Affairs) to manifest these our Sentiments, by giving your Majesty most humble and cordial Thanks, as for all the aforesaid Graces and Favors, so for your most Gracious Declaration, and every part thereof, wherein is contained so many excellent things for the good of your People, that we acknowledge no well-meaning Subject can desire more from a most just and gracious Prince: These things must engage all who have any true Sense of Religion or Loyalty, as it doth us, your Majesties most humble and obedient Subjects, according to our Duty and true Interest, to lay down our Lives and Fortunes at your Sacred Feet, to be at your Majesties disposal, to the accomplishment of those your Majesties Gracious Ends and Purposes; and especially to the preservation of your Majesties Sacred Person, Royal Prerogative, and Imperial Dignity; in preservation whereof, under God, consists the safety of our Religion, Liberty, and Property. And we do solemnly Protest and Engage, That no Seditious nor Faction Insinuations of causeless Fears and jealousies (once before our Ruine) shall move us from these our firm and settled Resolutions. This our Loyal, Humble and Faithful Address will, we hope, take off the Reproach which this Borough hath long lay'n under, as disaffected to your Majesties Government, for the Fanaticism of a few, whom we hope, your Majesties Gracious Declaration, and a little time, or else your Majesties Laws will reclaim.

That God may pour down his Blessings on your Majesty, and Crown Your Majesties Sacred Head with Victory over both your Domestique and Foreign Enemies is, and always shall be the Prayers of us your Majesties most Obedient and Loyal Subjects. Signed by about 270.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty

The Humble Address of the Mayor, Jurats, and Common-Council of the Kings Town and Parish of Maidstone in the County of Kent.

WE your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, do (out of a deep sense of

our Duty and Loyalty to your Majesty) most humbly beg Liberty to return our most humble and hearty Thanks to your most Sacred Majesty, for that your Royal Favour and most Gracious Condescension; your Majesty having been Graciously pleased in your late Declaration to Declare your greatest Zeal (and in these times of pretended fears and jealousies) to renew to all your Loyal Subjects, your Royal assurance to preserve the Protestant Religion, as now by Law Established, against all the most clandestine endeavours, and evil practices of all Popish and Schismatical Enemies; and to preserve the Liberties and Properties of all your Majesties Subjects, and to Govern according to the known Laws of this your Majesties Kingdom, The Sense of these your Majesties most Gracious Favours make us, *Nemine contradicente*, most cheerfully and with hearts full of Loyalty, Declare, That we will Defend your Majesties most Sacred Person, the Religion and Government as now Established, with our Lives and Fortunes. In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our common Seal at our Court Burghmotes, holden the 29th of June, in the 33 year of your Majesties Reign over us.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council of the City of CARLILE.

May it please Your Most Sacred Majesty,

WE your Majesties most Faithful and Obedient Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council of your Majesties Antient and ever Loyal City of Carlile, having great reason to reflect with Joy, on those many Blessings we now possess under so Great and Gracious a Prince, and under so excellently a constituted Government; and that all the Benefits of it are so fully secured to us by your Majesties late Gracious Declaration, wherein you are pleased to assure us of your Majesties firm purpose to Preserve and Maintain the true Protestant Religion, as by Law Established, to extirpate Popery, to Advise frequently with your People in Parliament, and in all things to Govern according to the known Laws of the Land: Do with all Humility, Duty, and Affection, render to your most Sacred Majesty, our most unfeigned Thanks, for so tenderly considering the Welfare of your People; and shall offer up to Almighty God our daily Prayers, for your Majesties long and happy Reign over us; And with Hearts full of Duty and Loyalty, assure your Majesty, that with our Lives and Fortunes, we will ever be ready to defend your Majesties most Sacred Person and Government, against all Attempts whatsoever. In testimony whereof, we have hereunto put our Hands, and caused our Common Seal to be affixed, the 4th day of July, in the thirty third Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord, Charles the Second, by the Grace of God, of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. Anno. Dom. 1681.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Nobility, Gentry, and Clergy, and others the Freeholders of the North-Riding, of the County of York.

Great Sir,

WE your Majesties most Dutiful, Obedient and Loyal Subjects, the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, and Freeholders of the North-Riding, of the County of York, do with all possible Humi-

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Humility, beg Your Majesties Gracious Acceptance of these our most humble, hearty, and unfeigned Thanks, for every particular of Your Majesties most Gracious and seasonable Declaration. And that your Majesty will be Graciously assured, that we will always be most ready, as in Duty and Conscience bound, to stand by Your Majesty in the preservation of your Sacred Person, your Heirs, and lawful Successors, and the Government in Church and State, as it is now Established by Law against all opposers whatsoever.

Signed by about 185.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Bayliffs, Aldermen, Head-Burgeses, and other Freemen and Inhabitants of the ancient Borough of MALDON, in the County of ESSEX.

Most Gracious and Dread Sovereign,

WE your Majesties truly Loyal and Obedient Subjects, the Bayliffs, Aldermen, Headburgeses, and other Freemen and Inhabitants of this your ancient Borough of Maldon, in the County of Essex, met this day at a Quarter-Sessions, held within the said Borough, Having taken into our Consideration, your Majesties late Gracious Declaration, wherein your Majesty is pleased to assure us of your fixed and steady Resolutions, to maintain the True Reformed Protestant Religion, as by Law Established; to extirpate Popery, and to Secure all your good Subjects from the Dangers and Mischiefs they may justly fear are designed against your Sacred Majesty, and Loyal Subjects, by the malicious endeavors and evil contrivances of those Disturbers of the Peace of your Majesties Kingdoms, the Papists and their Adherents, (as we may so call, we fear too truly) the insatuated Dissenters from the Church of England, and to preserve and protect us in the enjoyment of our Lives, Liberties and Properties, according to the known Laws of the Land, nor using Arbitrary Government your Self, nor permitting it in any others. As also your Majesties great and unparallel'd Condescension (notwithstanding the late unwarrantable Proceedings of some, and the bold licentious Applications of others) in making all your People privy to, and acquainted with the Means and Methods your Majesty hath with infinite Care and Prudence, and (God be thanked) with Success answered thereunto, Governed these your Dominions; Do with all due Reverence, prostrate our selves at your Majesties Feet, and do pay you the humble Tribute of our hearty and unfeigned Thanks for the same. And do hereby testify to God and all the world, That we will with our Lives and Fortunes, defend and assist your Sacred Person, your Heirs and lawful Successors, and the Government (as now Established) both of Church and State, against all the Plots and Contrivances of your bold and restless Adversaries, as well Papists as others, of what Sort or Denomination soever. God Almighty bless and preserve your Sacred Person, and grant you a long and a peaceable Reign over us. So prays your Majesties most Loyal and most Obedient Subjects.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Capital Magistrates, and others of your Majesties ever Loyal Borough and Town of LISKARD, Parcel of your Majesties Inheritance of your ancient Duchy of CORNWALL.

VVE the Mayor, Recorder, Capital Magistrates, and others of your Majesties ever Loyal Borough, and Town of Liskard, Parcel of your Majesties Inheritance of your ancient

Duchy of Cornwall, do with unspeakable Joy (blessed God) for the miraculous preservation of your Royal Person, from the manifold Plots and Conspiracies contrived against your Sacred Person and Government. And we do, in all Humility, offer up unto your Majesty our most hearty Thanks, with our Lives and Fortunes, for your Princely Care and Assurance, (of which no good Men ever doubted) in the maintenance of the True Protestant Religion, as now Established in this Nation, and for the future Government of this famous Hereditary Monarchy, according to the fundamental Laws thereof. And we do likewise thank your Majesty, with all humility, for your Majesties most Gracious Declaration, lately, by your Royal Command, published in all places of this Nation, for the more full satisfaction of all Loyal Subjects: And therefore we are resolved (by the blessing of God) as in Duty bound by all Laws, both Divine and Humane, according to the Oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance by us taken, to defend your Majesties Sacred Person and Government, with all your Majesties just Rights and Prerogatives, against all persons whatsoever, to the uttermost of our power; and shall likewise ever pray for your Majesties Health, Greatness, and Prosperity.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The Humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgeses of your Majesties Town, Borough, and Corporation of Taunton, St. Mary Magdalen, and St. James, in your County of Somerset.

WE your Majesties Humble, Loyal, and Obedient Subjects, having taken notice of your Majesties Gracious Declaration; wherein your Majesty is pleased to assure us, that the Law shall be your Guide. So that we have no need to doubt, but the now Established Government shall continue both in Church and State; Whereby the Cruelty of Rome, with the Fox-like Dissenters, the Moths of the State, and the Enemies to your Gracious Goodness, shall receive their Condign Punishment: We do in all humility render our unfeigned Thanks, Blessing the King of Heaven for such a Blessing, in preserving to good a Prince as your most Royal Majesty; by whose happy Restauration we have received the benefit of Peace and Profit. Notwithstanding the Malice of those who are your and our Enemies, we are resolved that we shall be ready to make our Loyalty appear, for the preservation of your Majesties Life, and Prerogatives, with our Lives and Fortunes. God grant your Majesty a long and prosperous Reign, and that your Enemies have no power to hurt you, is the Prayer of your Majesties Loyal, and Obedient Subjects.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Portreeve and Burgeses of your Majesties ancient Borough of MICHAEL in the County of CORNWALL.

Most Dread Sovereign,

WE your Majesties Faithful and Obedient Subjects, the Portreeve and Burgeses of your Majesties ancient Borough of Michael, in the County of Cornwall, do humbly offer up to your Majesty, all imaginable Gratitude, for your Majesties most abounding Favours to us, and other your Majesties Subjects, so fully Demonstrated in your Majesties late Gracious Declaration; in which,

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by your Majesties Royal word, we are assured that the Protestant Religion, according as established by Law, in the Church of England shall be preserved, our Liberties and Properties secured, and no Arbitrary Powers permitted to pass upon us. We must confess the Restauration of your Majesty to your Crown and Kingdom, was a transcendent Blessing, and are sufficiently sensible of the Peace and Tranquillity we enjoy, under the Influences of your Majesties Government; and according to our Duty, we shall always testify our Loyalty and Faith to your Majesty, your Heirs, and lawful Successors. We humbly pray Almighty God to make your Majesties Reign over us both Prosperous and lasting, and that all unjust Practices against your Majesties Person, or Government, may be so defeated, that your Majesties Enemies may be clothed with Shame and Confusion; but on your Majesties Head may your Crowns flourish, and in fulness of time receive Eternal and never dying Glory.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Grand Jury for the County of BERKS, at the Assizes held at READING, the 11th Day of July. 1681.

May it please your most Sacred Majesty,
VVE Your Majesties most Obedient and Loyal Subjects, as in Duty bound, and in the deepest sense of Gratitude, return our most unfeigned Thanks to Your Majesty, for the signification of your Gracious Resolutions, to Preserve and Defend the Protestant Religion, as by Law established in the Church of England, and to Rule and Govern your Subjects according to Law; the due Execution whereof, we humbly conceive, will preserve your Majesty in your Throne, and our Liberties and Properties, with whatsoever is dear to us: We therefore think our selves obliged to declare (as unanimously we do) our fixed and unalterable Resolutions to assist your Majesty to the utmost of our power. And we cannot but take notice that some months since, a Paper was read at an Election for this County to the Knights then Elected, in the Name of the Freeholders of this County, which we do disown and disclaim; it being only contrived by some few persons, and unknown and unapproved of, by the greatest part of the Freeholders. We therefore humbly beseech your Majesty, notwithstanding any misrepresentations we have lain under, to believe we will zealously use all endeavors for your Majesties Service, being more particularly obliged thereunto than any other County; since we do not only enjoy the inestimable benefit of your Majesties most auspicious Government, in common with the rest of our Fellow Subjects; but also that your Majesty is graciously pleased to honour our County with your Royal Residence in it; which Blessing that they and we may long enjoy, shall be the constant fervent Prayers, of your Majesties Dutiful and Loyal Subjects.

The Humble Address of the Artillery Company of Bristol, at a General Meeting the 8th of July, 1681.

May it please your Majesty,
AS by Your Majesties most Miraculous Restauration, our Liberties and Properties were Redeemed out of the hands of Arbitrary Men: So by your just and exact Management of the Government, have they been hitherto Preserved. Nor was Your Majesties

Piety less Eminent in the Re-establishing, than Your Wisdom hath been since profound in Supporting the true Protestant Religion, against the many Open and wicked Attempts of Papists, and the undermining Designs of Faction and Evil Men.

Great SIR, We are not only to Acquiesce (with all readiness) in such Your Majesties most admirable Conduct, and watchful Care over us: And to offer up (which we do with all Cheerfulness) this our Tribute of unfeigned Thankfulness to God and your Majesty, for those and many other signal Blessings, which we and all your Subjects enjoy thereby. But likewise We crave leave to make our humble Recognition of Your Majesties late Condescension to us in particular, in allowing us (by Your special Order) to use and exercise Arms, as an Artillery Company within this City. A Favour formerly vouchsafed by your Majesties Royal Father, that blessed Martyr, yet wholly interrupted and lost in the late wretched Rebellion. This extraordinary Trust, we humbly beseech your Majesty to believe, we will never abuse; and those Arms we so bear, we will never employ otherwise, than for your Majesties Service, as we are by our Oaths and Allegiance bound, in Defence of your Sacred Person, your Heirs and Lawful Successors, and that happy established Government, both in Church and State: For which Your Majesty hath been pleased to express so Princely a Zeal in Your late Gracious Declaration, and the therein fresh Assurances of its Continuance to the infinite Joy of us, and all other Your Majesties Subjects, who have the like Sentiments thereof as we have: May the God of Heaven Crown Your Majesties Reign with length of Days, and abundance of Peace. May no Weapon formed against your Majesty prosper. May your Enemies be clothed with Shame, and upon your Sacred Majesty, and Royal Posterity, may the Crown for ever Flourish: And let all Your Majesties Loyal Subjects say with us, Amen.

The most humble and hearty Address of your Majesties truly Loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesses, and other the Inhabitants of your Majesties Corporation of CHIPPING-SODBURY.

Most Dread Sovereign,

VVE your Majesties most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesses, and Inhabitants of your Majesties Corporation of Chipping-Sodbury, do with all Submission most humbly prostrate our selves at your Majesties Feet, and do offer up our most hearty Thanks for all those continual Blessings, of enjoying our Religion and Properties, and living in Peace and Security ever since it pleased God (whose Name be ever praised for so great a mercy) to restore your Majesty to your Crown and Dignities, and thereby restoring this Nation to that Peace and Happiness, which Rebellion had rob'd it of. And (as in Duty bound) we do in a particular manner, with all Gratitude and Obedience, return our unfeigned Thanks for your Majesties especial Favor to this our Corporation, in restoring to us our Charter; and as a reasonable and most just Acknowledgment of those your Majesties most extraordinary Favours, we do with all Faithfulness and Duty declare, That we will stand by your Majesty with our Lives and Fortunes to secure your Royal Person, and the Inheritance of the Crown to your lawful Successors, and the Protestant Religion, as now by Law established in these your Majesties Dominions, and in all things shall study to approve our selves your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of Your Majesties Justices of the Peace, the Magistrates, Common Council, Free-Burgers, and other Loyal Subjects of Your Majesties Town and Corporation of Plymouth.

VW^E Your Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects, (having with all due respect and possible demonstrations of Joy, received Your Majesties Gracious Declaration, wherein Your Majesty is Graciously pleased to condescend to discover Your Majesties Royal Intentions and Resolutions, to preserve the established Protestant Religion, and the Liberty, and Property of Your Subjects, to have frequent Parliaments, to use Your Majesties utmost endeavours to extirpate Popery, and in all things to govern according to the Laws of Your Kingdom) Do with all Humility, Loyalty, and Sincerity, render unto Your most Royal Majesty, our most hearty and unfeigned Thanks and Acknowledgments for those Great and most Gracious Assurances Your Majesty hath been pleased both now and heretofore, to make unto us and all Your loving Subjects, and do most humbly beg Your Majesties Gracious Acceptance thereof: And we do heartily and solemnly Declare, that we are Reddantly Resolved, according to our Duty, during our Lives, to bear Faith and true Allegiance to Your most Sacred Majesty, Your Heirs, and lawful Successors, with all Cheerfulness and Alacrity, to defend Your Majesties most Royal Person with our Lives and Fortunes, against all opposition whatsoever; and to the utmost of our Power to support and maintain the established Government both in Church and State, together with Your Majesties Royal Prerogatives, without which, we know our Liberty and Property cannot be preserved.

Most Dread Sovereign,

We the most considerable part of the Nobility, Justices, Gentry, and Clergy, together with the Grand Jury of the County of Essex, at the Assizes held the 12th of July, 1681.

IN a time when by wicked Plots and Conspiracies, Antimonarchical Principles and Doctrines taught by the Papists, and others influenced by them in Conventicles and private Meetings; When by Libels and Seditious Pamphlets, endeavours are made to poison Your Subjects, defaming Your Government, to the endangering Your Majesties Person, with the disturbance of the Peace of Your Kingdom; When under pretence of Liberty of Conscience, the Church of England our Mother (in Doctrine, Discipline and Worship, the best and nearest to the Primitive Institution) is set at naught, slighted and reviled: when busy Men will stretch beyond their Last, Impose the crude Refolts of their Common Councils on Your Majesty, and forget Your most Gracious Act of Oblivion; We cannot but be very apprehensive, and fear (for how can we doubt the Design when Men tread the same paths, and offend again on the same wicked Principles?) Resolusion of those extream Miseries, which Almighty God in his Mercy to the Nation, by his own immediate hand, in this happy miraculous Restauration of Your Majesty, delivered us from: That therefore Your Majesty may be the better enabled to

Protect and Defend our Religion by Law established, the mischiefs we justly fear may (as much as in us lie) be prevented, Your Majesties Sacred Person, Your just Rights and Prerogatives, the Succession of your Imperial Crown to Your Lawful Heirs, according to the known Laws of this Kingdom, preserved; and the Persons, Estates, Liberties, and Lives of Your good Subjects may be safe from Arbitrary Government, which Your Majesty resolves against; We present Your Majesty, and beseech you to accept the tender of our Hearts and Hands, Lives and Fortunes. And we beseech the Almighty God to give Your Majesty his protection, Grant you Long Life, and a happy and peaceable Reign over us. Which is the least we can do for so Good, Merciful, and Just a King; and Declare our selves in all Humility of Heart and Soul, Your Majesties most Dutiful, Loyal, and Obedient Subjects till death.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of Your Majesties most Obedient Subjects the Mayor, Aldermen, Bayliffs, and Council of Your Majesties Ancient Burrough of Lancaster.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

May it please Your Sacred Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most Obedient and Loyal Subjects the Mayor, Aldermen, Bayliffs, and Council of Your Majesties ancient Burrough of Lancaster, having heard Your Majesties most Gracious Declaration read in our Parish Church, wherein to our full and compleat satisfaction, out of Your Princely Condescension, Your Majesty is pleased again to assure us of Your gracious and Royal intentions, to maintain and preserve the established Government of this Your Realm, both in Church and State, and to Govern by the wholsom and well constituted Laws of this Nation; Under the influence of which Laws, by the Blessing of Almighty God, we have been hitherto happily preserved in our Lives, Religion, and Liberties, ever since Your Majesties Blessed Restauration. For which, as also of the further assurance your Majesty therein gives us of Your Royal Intentions to call frequent Parliaments, and all other Your Princely Resolutions, in Your said Gracious Declaration expressed: we do, (as in all Dutiful Allegiance bound) Render unto Your Majesty our most hearty and unfeigned Thanks; and with all humble submission acquiesce in Your Majesties Great Wisdom and Council, and when it shall please Your Majesty to call another Parliament, shall endeavour to chuse such representatives, as may comply with Your Majesty, in the support and preservation of the Government, as it is now by Law established; assuring Your Majesty, that as we were the first Corporation in England, wherein Your Majesty was first proclaimed King of these Your Majesties Kingdoms, we shall always continue the like Affection and Loyalty to Your Majesty, and cheerfully and readily manifest the same upon all occasions, for Your Majesties Honour and Service, to the utmost of our Lives and Estates.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Grand Jury, at the General Sessions of the Peace held for the County of Durham the thirteenth day of July; for and in the name of the whole County.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majesties most Loyal, Obedient, and truly Faithful Subjects, being deeply sensible of the Invasions that have been made upon Your Majesties Government, tending no less to the violation of Your Laws, than the apparent hazard of Your Sacred Person, our Lives and Religion, do with all Reverence and Humility prostrate our selves at Your Royal feet, rendering our most grateful acknowledgments for these Your Princely and unwearied Endeavours, that by the Blessing of the Almighty we have seen so effectual in preventing the unnatural Attempts of these Your Majesties and the Kingdoms Enemies; more especially for Your late most Gracious Declaration, whereby Your Majesty hath given such unquestionable assurances of maintaining the established Religion, our just Liberties and Properties, that (notwithstanding the malicious endeavours and detractions of ill men) have most justly acquired You the Loyal and Sincere Affections of Your People. In return to these Your Majesties most gracious Considerations, we cannot better express the true sentiments of our Duty and Gratitude, than by humbly assuring Your Sacred Majesty, that we shall always pay that Obedience that may justly be expected from Loyal Subjects to the best of Kings, and likewise most Religiously and faithfully perform these Obligations of Allegiance we acknowledge indispensably due to your Crown and Royal Dignity: Neither shall the bloody designs of Papists, or the bold and insolent behaviour of Factious and Fanatical Persons cause us in the least to recede from these our fixed and settled Determinations; it being the unanimous Resolution of us Your Majesties most Obedient Subjects of this Your Loyal County, to sacrifice our dearest Blood, our Lives and Fortunes, for preserving Your Sacred Person, Your Lawful Heirs and Successors, the present Constitutions both in Church and State, as the only expedients for continuing these inestimable Blessings we now enjoy under Your Majesties most Religious and happy Government. And when Your Majesty shall graciously condescend to meet Your People in Parliament, we shall not fail to Elect such Representatives as will most readily endeavour those Assurances that are necessary for the support of Your Government, the Vindicating Your Majesties Honour, the reputation, Glory and publick Commerce of the Nation from all Enemies both at Home and Abroad.

The humble Address of Your Majesties Lieutenant, Deputy-Lieutenants, and Commissioned Officers of Horse and Foot, in the Militia of this Your County of Durham, at a General Muster, July 14. 1681.

May it please Your most Excellent Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects, being highly sensible of your unwearied Care for continuing us a Flourishing and Happy People (notwithstanding the restless endeavours of some to interrupt and disturb you in it) do think both our Duty and Loyalty concern'd to return our most thankful Ac-

knowledgments, next under God to Your Majesty, for the great Prosperity we enjoy as to our Religion and Property, and in the General Peace and Quiet of your Kingdoms. And though it never be unreasonable to make such returns of Thanks, yet now we conceive it necessary, when Papists, with other seditious, disaffected Persons, who seem to be united in this, are strangely active and Industrious in Seducing your true Protestant Subjects into needless Fears and jealousies, that so they may more easily bring your Government in Church and State, under Contempt, and then remove it from its ancient Foundations. Your most Gracious Declaration for which we more particularly are thankful, has been so wonderfully successful, that there is quite another Spirit and Temper of Men than of late; the hopes of those who resolve never to be satisfied, being quash'd and defeated, others not so obstinate, having their Eyes more opened; but they whose Hearts were never possess'd with any other than Honest and Loyal Principles, are so enervated and encouraged by Your Majesties grant Resolutions, that they will cheerfully sacrifice their Lives and Fortunes against all Your Enemies, both at Home and Abroad. And as amongst other Blessings, we derive our present Commands from Your Majesty, as the only Supreme over the Militia, so we hope the fatal Consequences which attended your Royal Father's being illegally deprived of that Authority, will always be a prevailing Argument for Your Majesties firm retaining it in your own disposal. And then whilst your Laws are in our Hand, and your Sword in the other, we are as secure from Arbitrary Power, as 'tis possible for any to assure it.

That Your Majesty may long live to sway the Scepter of these Kingdoms, and that there never may be wanting a Lawful Heir and Successor of Your Royal Family to support the Imperial Crown, and the Church of England as now establish'd, is the daily Prayers of Your Majesties most dutiful Subjects, whose Hearts have guid'd their Hands in this Subscription.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Grand Jury at its Sessions at Hereford, held the 12th of July, 1681.

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WE have with great Admiration, looked upon Your Princely Clemency, not only in granting Pardon and Oblivion at Your happy Restauration to all your Subjects for their Crimes committed, but withal endeavouring to win their Hearts by Favour and Kindness, confer'd even on those that had declared themselves inveterate Enemies to the best of Kings and Monarchy; ever since with vigilant Care, preserving Union amongst Your people, and a free Trade and Commerce with all Neighbouring Princes and States, to the great increase of our Happiness and Plenty; which 'tis to be fear'd have with some ill men, only serv'd to advance their Pride, and feed their Arrogancy, instead of filling their Hearts with Love and Gratitude. But we, who at this time represent the Body of this County; and know the Sense of most of them, do with all Humility for our selves and them, beseech Your Majesty to accept our thankful acknowledgment for the Blessings we have and do still enjoy by Your Protection and Government; more especially for Your Transcendent Care in preventing those Dangers that seem'd to threaten us, from the Bloody Attempts of Papists, and the sly Designs of Factious Particks,

naticks, but above all for Your Majesties late most Gracious Declaration, set forth to be read so publicly, that all who deserted not the known Place of Gods Worship, might hear it: A satisfaction to all that were not fond of one or other of the Traiterous Factions, it giving us great assurance that Your Majesty will Preserve, and Your Self closely adhere to the Protestant Religion, as now by Law established: Which we hope, as it doth comfort and enliven all your Loyal Subjects, so it will extinguish the Malice, and allay the heats of all pretended Jealousies and Fears, raised by such as neither wish well to Your Sacred Person, nor to the Peace and Tranquility of Your three Kingdoms.

We humbly beg your Sacred Majesty to accept this our Address, though it come not as early as those of other Countries, or our own, since we wanted an opportunity, such as our present Service afford us, to be Convened together, and speak our Thoughts Publicly; though the late Wars that kept so long from us your Self (the delight of our Eyes, and joy of our Hearts) have harassed our Persons, and lessened our Fortunes: yet as true Heirs of our honest Ancestors, we inherit their Loyalty and Resolution, being ready with the forwardest, to spend the remainder of our Lives and Fortunes in defence of Your Majesties most Sacred Person, your Royal Authority, your Heirs and Lawful Successors, the Religion as now Established, against all Plots, or Plotters whatsoever; resolving that our Last Breath shall expire in prayers for Your Majesties happy Reign and long Life, and that there may never be wanting one of that Line to Reign over these Kingdoms, till the world it self and all other Governments, fall under their last fatal Dissolution and Change.

The Humble Address of Your Majesties Lord-Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and Gentlemen of the Grand Jury for the County of *Westmorland*, at the General Sessions of the Peace, holden at *Appleby* for the said County, the 12th of July; *Ann. Dom. 1681.*

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That we having considered Your Majesties late Declaration, touching the Dissolution of the two last Parliaments, do hold our selves obliged to take this first opportunity, to make our humble Acknowledgment of your Majesties Great Grace and Favour to all your People, by the Publication thereof as being a sufficient ground of hope, that Your Majesty will secure us against Popery, and all other our just fears; and as Your Majesty hath most Graciously been pleased to Declare, that Your Majesty looks upon Parliaments as the best Method for healing the distempers of this Kingdom, and to preserve Monarchy in due Credit and Respect both at home and abroad; so we shall heartily endeavour to do our Parts towards a just Settlement both of Church and State, by choosing Representatives of approved Loyalty and Moderation, to serve in Parliament for this County (when Your Majesty in Your Great Wisdom shall think fit) as shall account it their Happiness to perform that Parliamentary Duty and Service, which may most tend to Your Majesties Honour, the preservation of the Monarchy, and the good of your People. And we do further profess, that we will defend, to the utmost of our powers, Your Majesties Royal Person and Prerogative, the Protestant Religion as by Law established, and the Peace of this Your Majesties Kingdom, against all opposition whatsoever.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Justices of the Peace, and Grand Jury of the County of Cumberland, at the general Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, held for the said County, at the City of Carlisle, the 13th day of July, 1681.

WE the said Justices and Grand Jury having considered Your Majesties late Declaration, touching the Dissolution of the two last Parliaments, do hold our selves obliged to take this first opportunity to make our humble acknowledgment of Your Majesties Great Goodness to all your People, in the many Gracious Promises You are therein pleased to give them, as being abundantly sufficient to remove the Fears, and quiet the Minds of all Peaceable and good Men, and to confirm in them, a confidence of Your Majesties Gracious Resolutions to secure them against Popery, and in the enjoyment of their just Liberties and Properties, according to the Laws of the Kingdom; And as Your Majesty hath been pleased most Graciously to Declare, that you look upon Parliaments as the best Method for healing the Distempers of this Kingdom, and to preserve Monarchy in due Credit and Respect both at home and abroad; so we shall heartily endeavour to do our parts towards a just settlement both of Church and State, by choosing Representatives of such approved Loyalty and good Affection to serve in Parliament for this County (when Your Majesty in your great Wisdom shall think fit) as shall account it their happiness to perform that Duty and Service, in such manner as may tend to your Majesties Honor, and support of the Monarchy; upon which we cannot but be sensible, that our Church-Government, Liberty and Property do intirely depend; And we do further most humbly Profess and Declare, That we will defend to the utmost of our Power, Your Majesties most Sacred Person, your Heirs and Lawful Successors, the Prerogative and just Rights of the Crown, the Protestant Religion as by Law established, and the peace of the Kingdom, against all opposition whatsoever.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of several Gentlemen, Freeholders, and Inhabitants between the Rivers of Dudden and Esk, containing many Manners within Mil-lom (in the County of Cumberland, adjoining to Lancashire) being a Lordship.

May it please Your Sacred Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most Real, Constant, Dutiful, and Obedient Subjects; do with all Submission and Gratitude acknowledge Your Majesties great Care in preserving the Church now Established, and the Rights of Your Subjects, both of which we were Constant (with Your Royal Father of ever Blessed Memory) to uphold, and shall with our Lives and Fortunes be always ready to assist the preservation of Your Majesties Sacred Person and Government, against all that shall dare to disturb the same, whether Papists, Dissenters, or any maintainers of Commonwealth Principles, that do not stick to say, they will not believe Persons upon their Oaths, yet so unreasonable as to have the People believe them upon their bare Words, whose actions may prove like others,

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To do contrary to what is declared and shew'd to the World, whereof we in these parts did bitterly taste in the time of the most unparrallell'd Rebellion, the effects of which was the amazement of Heathens as well as Christians; and yet then we had not, nor now have (we hope) four Papists or Dissenters amongst us, And as we keep all one Church, retain true Faith to God and Your Sacred Majesty, whom he hath so Miraculously restor'd and set over us; so, with cheerfulness and inexpressible Joy and satisfaction, as in Duty bound, we return Your Royal Majesty our hearty Thanks for Your Majesties most Gracious Declaration, which cheers our hearts, and puts Life into our Countenances, to serve and assist Your Majesty with all that's neat and dear unto us, persevering to Death when your Majesty Commands: And withal, we humbly implore your Sacred Majesty graciously to accept the sincere affections of, *Great Sir*, Your Majesties most truly Loyal and Obedient Subjects.

Signed by 825 Persons.

To the Kings Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of Your Majesties Justices of the Peace, and of the Grand Jury, Sworn at the General Quarter Sessions, held at Preston, for the County Pallatine of Lancaster, the 14th Day of July, in the Thirty third Year of Your Majesties Reign.

May it please Your most Sacred Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, do with all Humility, crave leave to present Your Majesty, these our unfeigned and hearty Thanks, for Your Majesties late Gracious Declaration, in which we are assured by Your Majesties Royal Word of being Governed both in Church and State, by the Laws now Established; which is the great Satisfaction of the Minds of all Your Majesties most faithful Subjects. We do heartily rejoyce at Your Majesties firm and constant Resolution, of continuing the Succession in the due and legal course of Descent (to which we all know our selves obliged by our Oaths of Allegiance) the only Means, for the securing our Peace at Home; and the preserving this Ancient Monarchy, made Glorious by the long Succession of Your most Famous Predecessors.

And we humbly beg of Your Majesty, not to think that we have been Negligent in this our Duty to Your Majesty, In that we have not been so forward in this nature as others Your Majesties Loyal Subjects, but that we have had not any Publick Meeting since Your Majesties Declaration before this General Quarter Sessions; in which we might unanimously declare our Readiness, to hazard our Lives and Fortunes for Your Majesties Service, against all opposers, of what kind soever. We Your Majesties Justices of the Peace, and Grand Jury, do humbly Subscribe this Address with all Submissiveness.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Justices of the Peace, and Grand Jury, for the County of Northumberland, at the General Sessions of the Peace, held for the said County at Hexham, the 13th Day of July, 1681.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Justices of the Peace, and Grand Jury, for this your County of Northumberland, do with all Humility return our most humble and hearty Thanks for Your Majesties most Gracious Promises, and steady Resolutions published by Your Majesty, in your late Gracious Declaration, to the great Satisfaction of all your truly Loyal Subjects, and out of a due sense of Your Majesties Goodness, our own Loyalty, and the manifold Blessings we now enjoy under your Prudent Government, We do with all Sincerity imaginable declare to the World, how much we detest those wicked Practices, which brought the best of Kings, your Royal Father, to the Block; And our unfeigned readiness to defend with our Lives and Fortunes Your Majesties Sacred Person, the Prerogatives of the Crown, your Heirs, and Lawful Successors, and the true Protestant Religion, as it is by Law established against all Opposition whatsoever.

We do further, with all Gratitude, and Hearts full of Duty to Your Majesty, acknowledge Your late Princely Grace and Favour, extended in Particular to this County, in being Graciously pleased to pass an Act for preventing of Theft, and Rapine, in the Northern Borders; as also an Act prohibiting the Importation of Irish Cattle, being both of great Advantage to us Your Loyal Subjects. And we do heartily pray, that your Goodness may affect the Hearts of your People, and that they may be truly sensible of the happy influences of your Government, that your Life may be long, your Reign Glorious, and the Church of England flourish under your Protection. Your Majesties Loyal, Dutiful, and Obedient Subjects.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address and Acknowledgment of the Grand Jury of the County of Carmarthen, at the General Sessions of the Peace held for the said County, on Tuesday the Twelfth day of July, in the Thirtieth and thirtieth Year of Your Majesties Reign.

WE Your Majesties most faithfully devoted Subjects, the Grand Jury at the said Sessions, in the name of our selves and of the whole County of Carmarthen, a County not stained with the least Tincture of Rebellion and Faction (that abundantly smarted by both) having not afforded one Committeeman for Executing Injurious Traiterous Ordinances in the late times of dismal Usurpations; do with Cordial Gratitude present this humble Acknowledgment of Your Majesties Zeal in Defending the Protestant Religion, as it is Legally settled in the Church of England, against the restless Machinations of the

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Jeſuits and Seculars in oppoſite Exerciſes: We moſt thankfully recollect Your Majesties pious, prudential Government, in preſerving the Peace and Tranquillity of the Kingdom, whilſt other Countreys have been involved in the Calamities of War; Depopulated, Riffed, and reduced to Deſarm.

Though we never entertain'd the leaſt Jealouſie of any Oppreſſion under Your Gracious Reſign, yet we interpret it a ſingular Cander and intimaſible Obligation, that Your Maſteſty hath declared your ſolemn Determination to make the Law the rule of Your Sovereignty, and indiſpenſibly to preſcribe it together, that your People may be ſecured from all Arbitrary Irregularities in any ſtation; and it is Your Maſteſties Royal Reſolution to have frequent Parliaments, wherein we ſubmit for the properſt times to Your Mature Wiſdom, not preſuming to encroach upon your Royal Prerogative. For the continuation of the Monarchical Preheminence to your ſelf, and your Lawful Succeſſors, the utmoſt dutiful aſſiſtances of our Lives and Fortunes ſhall be readily exhibited. And we do humbly Pray the Concurrence of this Honourable Court in promoting this our humble Addreſs to Your moſt Sacred Maſteſty.

May it pleaſe Your Maſteſty,

We Your Maſteſties Juſtices of the Peace, preſent at the ſaid Seſſions, do hereby heartily join with the Gentlemen of the Grand Jury, in their their humble Addreſs and Acknowledgment to Your moſt Sacred Maſteſty.

To the Kings moſt Excellent Maſteſty,

The Humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Jurats, and Commonalty of Your Maſteſties antient and Loyal Corporation of Feverſham, in the County of Kent, and others the Gentlemen, Freemen, and Inhabitants of the ſame Town.

WE Your Maſteſties moſt Loyal, Dutiful, Obedient Subjects, having hitherto given way to, and enjoyed in the numerous Examples of more eminent and greater Societies of Your Maſteſties good Subjects, in their humble and thankful Addreſſes to Your Maſteſty, in a ſerious Contemplation of the miſeries we endured in your abſence; and of the Bleſſings and Tranquillity we have enjoyed ever ſince Your happy Reſtauration; and in admiration of your many Royal Vertues, eſpecially Your Juſtice, wiſdom, and merciful Conduſt towards your happy Subjects, can no longer refrain, but in our beſt Meaning, and Religious ſincerity of Heart, with all ſubmiſſion, muſt now preſent unto Your Maſteſty our moſt humble and hearty Thanks for all Your Royal Favours to us and all other Your Subjects, for the continued Care and Defence of our Religion (as by Law eſta- bliſhed) for the preſervation of our Laws and Liberties, by maintaining and reſtoring your good Laws for us, for your admirable Patience, under your ſo great Provocations; for Your unparalleled Condeſcenſions, and Royal Reſolutions, ſo fully maniſeſted in your late Gracious Declaration, to the comfort of all your good Subjects, and Deſeat of your ſleſt Enemies; and for the many immunities and Priviledges you have confirmed and continued to us in particular. And though we are inconsiderable in our ſelves, and unworthy to make application to your Sacred Maſteſty, yet inflamed by the Zeal of our Loyalty and

Gratitude, and encourag'd by the remembrance of your former moſt Princely Favour, once in Perſon to viſit this your Town; we are embold'ned to lay our ſelves at your Maſteſties Footſtool, to be commanded at your Royal pleaſure in our Lives and Fortunes, for the ſervice of your Maſteſty, your Heirs and lawful Succeſſors; and as we are ſatiſſied in our Conſcience, that to you and them belongeth the Supreme Government of theſe your Maſteſties Realms (as well in all Spiritual things or Cauſes as Temporal) and that neither the Pope, nor yet any other, hath any right to diſpoſe of your Maſteſties Crown, or any of your Kingdoms, contrary to your Royal Will, and the known Laws of the Realm; ſo we now renew our Oaths and Promiſes of Defending you and them, to the uttermoſt of our Abilities, againſt all his or other mens Faſhions, Deſigns, Conſpiracies, and Attempts whatſoever, againſt this Ancient, moſt excellent, and well-eſtabliſhed Monarchy. Imploing the God of Heaven to ſend down his Showers of Bleſſings and Mercies upon Your Maſteſty, and all your Royal Family; to preſerve and Proſper Your Maſteſty, in the purſuance of all your moſt excellent Counſels, and Reſolutions made known unto us; to maintain, ſupport and continue to your Sacred Perſon, a long and proſperous fruition of your Crown and Dignity, and all your Royal Rights and Prerogatives, and your juſt Title therunto, in the due, uſual, and legal way of Succeſſion after you; and to Confound the Devices of all ſuch as would diſturb it: And that we may never want one of your Royal Family to ſway the Scepter over us, is the unanimous, hearty, and devout Prayer of

May it pleaſe Your Maſteſty, Your Maſteſties moſt Humble, Dutiful, Loyal, and Faithful Subjects.

To the Kings moſt Excellent Maſteſty.

The humble Addreſs of the Citizens, Burghers, and Inhabitants of your City of Peterborough, in the County of Northampton.

WE Your Maſteſties moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Citizens, Burghers, and Inhabitants of your City of Peterborough, in the County of Northampton, ever Humbly admiring Your Royal Wiſdom, in managing the Government of this Kingdom, with a tender care of our Religion by Law eſtabliſhed, the undoubted Rights of this Crown, the Property and Peace of the Subject; do think our ſelves bound in Duty thankfully to acknowledg Your Maſteſties Gracious Condeſcenſion in your late Royal Declaration, wherein you diſpel the Fears and Jealouſies, and ſatiſſie the Minds of all; concerning your Reſolved frequent uſe of Parliaments, Your conſtant and vigorous Endeavours, to extirpate Popery, to redreſs all the Grievances of Your Maſteſties good Subjects, and to Govern according to the Laws of the Realm. For which Your Royal Bounty, ſuffer us to give Your Maſteſty aſſurance that we ſhall ever, not only with our Prayers, but with our Lives and Fortunes, aſſiſt Your Maſteſties moſt Sacred perſon, in proſecution of thoſe pious Reſolutions; which Loyalty of our hearts we unaniouſly teſtifie with the Subſcription of our hands this 8th day of July, 1681.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of Your Majesties most Loyal and most Obedient Subjects, the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Common Council, and Commonalty, of Your ancient Burrough of Appleby, in the County of Westmorland.

WHE Your Majesties most Loyal Subjects, do hold our selves in Duty and Allegiance bounden, to present unto Your Majesty, our most humble and hearty Thanks, for your Majesties most endearing Promises, renewed unto Your People, in your late Gracious Declaration, That it is your Royal Resolution to have frequent Parliaments, and that You will use Your utmost Endeavour to expirpate Poverty, to redress all the Grievances of your Subjects, and in all things, to Govern according to the Laws of Your Kingdom. For which Your Majesties Princely assurance, we do believe our selves Obliged, by all the Ties of Duty and Gratitude, and do humbly render at Your Majesties Feet, our Lives and Fortunes, in defence of Your Majesties Sacred Person, Crown, and Government, against all those your Enemies, who shall endeavour to subvert that Government, and Religion of the Church of England (the best in the Christian World) as it is now Established by Law, and which Your Majesty hath hitherto piously Preserved, and most Graciously declar'd constantly to Defend. We do humbly beg, that your Majesty would be pleased to accept of this our most humble and sincere Acknowledgment, and tender of this our Untainted Loyalty, Humbly beseeching Almighty God, that he will be pleased to continue his Blessings to You, and not only give you the Head of Solomon, but the Sword of Gideon, that You may ever be Victorious over his and your Enemies: That God would Bless you with a long and prosperous Reign over us: That there may never want one of Your Royal Loyn to sway the Scepter of these Kingdoms, as long as the Sun and Moon endureth; which is the hearty Prayer of Your Majesties Dutiful, and Loyal, and Obedient Subjects.

In Testimony whereof, we have Subscribed our Names, and affixed the Common Seal of our Burrough, the 12th Day of July in the thirty third Year of your Majesties Reign, *Ann. Dom. 1681.*

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Assistants and Common-Council of Your Majesties Ancient Burrough and Town of Colchester in your County of Essex.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WHE Your Majesties truly Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, judg our selves bound in Duty and Gratitude, to acknowledge with all humble and hearty Thankfulness, the great and many Blessings, we and all Your Majesties Subjects, enjoy under Your Majesties Benigne and Gracious Reign, not only for the Confirmation of the ancient Liberties and Franchises Granted to this Your Bur-

rough, by the Favour and Bounty of Your Majesty, and your Royal Predecessors; But more especially, we humbly beg leave, with most sincere and cheerful Affection, to express our grateful Acknowledgments of, and acquiesce in Your Majesties late Declaration, to maintain the Government both in Church and State, as by Law established; a Government, under which, we, and all Your Majesties good Subjects have been protected in the quiet and Peaceful enjoyment of our Religion, Liberties and Properties, and all that ought to be dear to good Christians and Loyal Subjects.

And we humbly beseech Your Majesty of your wonted Clemency and Goodness, to accept our sincere Relations, joyned with our faithful and best Endeavours, to make all dutiful Returns of cheerful Obedience, and steadfast Loyalty: assuring Your Majesty, that our Lives and Fortunes shall no longer be of esteem with us, than they shall be useful to the preservation of Your Majesties Sacred Person, and all Your Majesties just Rights and Privileges, and the Protestant Religion established by Law, against all attempts whatsoever. And the good God of Heaven Grant Your Majesty a long, peaceable, and happy Reign.

The Humble Address of the Major part of Your Majesties Officers of the Militia, Jurats and Common Councillors, with other Loyal Inhabitants of Your Majesties Town and Port of Sandwich, in the County of Kent, whose Names are hereunder written.

WHE Your Majesties most Dutiful, most truly Loyal and Obedient Subjects, should not only be extremely wanting to our selves, but to the Duty and Allegiance we owe to Your Sacred Majesty, which no interest can excuse, if we should not joyn with the unanimous voice of the whole Nation in our Expressions of Gratitude and Acknowledgment. Those Peculiar Priviledges, and Particular Immunities, which we, together with the rest of Your Cinque-Ports have derived upon us by the Royal Bounty of Your Predecessors, are by the same Bounty and Princely care, preserved to us inviolate and unshaken; besides the benefit and influence of other Laws common to us, with other Your Majesties Subjects.

And therefore we most Humbly beseech Your Majesty to accept our unfeigned and sincere Thanks for Your Majesties late Gracious Condescension, in giving us Your Declaration, and therein Your Royal Word, and highest Satisfaction to maintain our Liberties and Properties against

gainst all manner of invasion; assuring us, that as You have an aversion to the breach of them in one, you will never suffer it in many: For the Preservation of Your Majesties Prerogative and Crown in its legal Dignity and Descent, which our Laws have already made so Sacred and Ample, that we are well assured Your Majesty does not desire to enlarge them, and to endeavour to lessen them, instead of making us better would make us worse. The greatest security our Liberties have, is by asserting Your just Prerogative, as the only Honourable way to be Happy is to be Loyal.

We most humbly thank Your Majesty also for your assurance of frequent calling of Parliaments, and the Honourable Esteem You have of them, by looking upon them as the best Method for healing the distempers of the Kingdom; for Your hearty endeavours to extirpate Popery, both with them and without them: But above all, that You are Pleased to confirm us in what we had no just reason to doubt of, that in all things you will Govern according to the Laws of the Kingdom, by which, as we shall be delivered from the merciless designs of Papists on one hand, so shall we be rescued from the misguided Zeal of Faction and Fury on the other; both whose unwearied activity and restless malice seeks nothing but our Ruin. And we humbly take the boldness to assure Your Majesty, that we will stand by you with our Lives and Fortunes, against all Enemies whatsoever, in defence of Your Sacred Person and Government, and of our Religion, as it is now established in the Church of England, which fell with your Royal Father, and was reserved for you to give it a Resurrection, being one of the chief Ornaments of Your Restauration, and continues among the Glories of Your Reign:

May the God of Heaven preserve you till you grow old, in your sway over us; and as the past part of your Reign hath afforded us Peace and Plenty, almost in despite of our selves; may You remain for our Posterity to admire it, and to receive equal Blessings from Your aged Hands; and when they are lifted up (as they always will be) in the defence of your Royal Self and People, may they be Victorious and Powerful; May Your Attempts be as Successful as Great; and as Great as Your Mighty

Mind, which equals you to the most Exalted Princes.

So prays Your Majesties most Dutiful, Obedient, and Loyal Subjects.

To the Worshipful Sir Edward Philips and the rest of the Worshipful Justices, assembled for the keeping the General Sessions of the Peace for this County of Bridgewater, the 27th of June. Anno Regni Regis 33. Annoq; Dom. 1687.

The Presentment of the Grand Inquest for the said County, holden at the time and place aforesaid.

I *Majestis*, we present it as our Duty to return thanks to the Worshipful Bench, for declaring to the County, That the Laws against Popery, Schisme, and Faction, Conventicling, and other unlawful meetings (things highly obnoxious and destructive to the true Government) ought to be put in Execution; and particularly to those worthy ones of the Bench, who in their own persons have given Example and laid foundation before us for the Punishing such Officers as have been remiss in their Duty touching the Premises.

Item, We present it to be our bounden Duty, and in all humble manner make it our Request and Prayer to the Worshipful Bench, That care be taken that we may be recommended to His most Gracious Majesty, rendring all imaginable Thanks for his most seasonable, suitable and Gracious Declaration, and Preservation of the Lawful Succession, Religion, and Property, Supporting the Government in Church and State, as anciently, according to the known Laws; preserving a Godly Orthodox Ministry, which never as yet taught Subject to Rebel against their Lawful Sovereign; and for declaring to the World, That as He had not as yet, nor ever would Arbitrarily Rule over us, so he would not suffer our fellow Subjects to do the same, of whom great suspicion lately was, since some of them by Cabaling and other indirect means, procured others to carry on a design, even against *Cæsar* himself, prohibiting under a Penalty to render him even his due, quite contrary to the Precept and Example of

of our Blessed Saviour (who though Indigent) yet by the Hand of another rendered *Cesar* his own; by which we plainly perceive specious pretences are not valid, nor may we account such truly religious, but such as are truly Loyal. Therefore we humbly pray that His Sacred Majesty may be informed hereof as aforesaid: and that he will persevere in preserving the said Succession, Religion, and Property; the Establishment of the Church; and bring to condign Punishment all its opposers, and not suffer himself to be Shipwreck'd under any specious pretences of his and our fatal Enemies; and we do hereby assure him to this end that we will not only contribute what our mean Fortunes will afford, but will readily Sacrifice even our Lives to maintain and justify the same. In Testimony whereof we have hereunto put our hands the day and year above-written.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Loyal young Men and Apprentices of the City of Bristol.

May it please Your Sacred Majesty,

YOUR Majesties Gracious Acceptance of an Humble Address lately tendered to Your Majesty, hath begotten a like Humble Confidence in us the young Men and Apprentices of Your Majesties City of *Bristol*. We crave leave to prostrate our Selves before the Throne of Your Grace, and with one Heart and Voice, do beseech Your Gracious Majesty, to accept these Vnfeigned and Emulous Acknowledgments of the Blessing we enjoy, and do assure our selves, we shall daily more and more enjoy, under your Majesties most Pious, Prudent, and Unexampled Administrations both in Church and State. For now all those fears concerning Popery, and Arbitrary Power, which unreasonable and designing Men, had sometimes raised in us, and other of your Majesties good Subjects, are scattered as a Mist and as a Cloud, by your Majesties Gracious Declaration; lately published in our

Churches; and henceforward we plainly see, that whilst others only made a Noise and a clamour for the Laws, our Lives, Liberties and Estates: It was your Majesty alone who became the True Defender of them, as you are of our Faith, and the Established Religion. Others had been commissioned to be their Guardians; but we are satisfied that tis to your Majesties sole Care we owe the Sacred and Inviolable preservation of them all unto this day.

Wherefore we bless God, that by his good Providence we were born into the World under your Majesties most Auspicious Reign; and we cannot but persuade our selves that God hath a Love for us, that he hath placed so Wise a King over us: And although our present Circumstances be such, that we have now no better Tribute to pay to God and to your Majesty, than our most hearty Well-Wishes, and a sincere Profession of our Zeal to serve your Majesty, yet we cannot but hold our selves obliged, and are unanimously agreed to declare, that henceforward no Artifices or Wheedles of unreasonable and designing Men shall ever prevail upon us, to depart from our true Allegiance to Your Majesty, and your lawful Successors. And whereinfoever we cannot with Estates and Purses, we will with our Lives and Blood, assist and defend Your Majesty, and them and we will never be wanting in good deed to express upon all occasions, the truly Loyal and just Sentiments, which we have and ought to have, of your Majesties Royal Person, and Your most Gracious and Indulgent Government: That God would strike through the Loins of all Your Enemies, as well Presbyterian as Popish, and lengthen Your Majesties days, as the days of Heaven, is the daily Prayer of us, the meanest of Your Majesties Subjects, but withal, not the least considerable for Loyalty as well as Number, among the Young-men and Apprentices in your Loyal City of *Bristol*.

Signed by about 800.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Justices of Peace, and Grand Jury, within the County Palatine of Lancaster, unanimously agreed upon and Signed at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held at the Castle of Lancaster, in and for the said County, the 12th day of July, in the Thirty third Year of Your Majesties Reign; being the first Sessims next after the receiving and reading of Your Majesties Gracious Declaration.

May it please Your most Sacred Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most Obedient and Loyal Subjects, being highly sensible of our great Felicity, as living both in the best Reformed Church, and under the most just, easie, and best Constituted Monarchy in the World, and having (according to the full desire of our Hearts) received an additional Joy and Happiness, by the repeated assurance of Your Majesties gracious Resolutions to Protect the true Protestant Religion, by the Law of England now Established, and to preserve the Liberties and Properties of Your good Subjects, and by frequent Parliaments, as occasion requires, to redress our Grievances; and that as You will not Rule by an Arbitrary Power Your Self, so not to suffer it in others; but in all things to Govern according to those Excellent Laws of the Kingdom, which are even such as we our selves, and other the Commons of the Land, have prayed Your Sacred Majesty, and your Royal Ancestors, to consent unto. In testimony of our unfeigned Gratitude, we with all Humility do take this first Opportunity to declare to Your Majesty and the whole World, our sincere Resolutions, with the hazard of our Lives and Fortunes, according to our bounden Duty, to defend Your Sacred Person, and Royal Prerogative, and to shew our selves Faithful to Your Majesty, Your Heirs, and Lawful Successors, and firm to the Protestant Religion by Law established, against all Popish Plots, and Phanatical Practices whatsoever.

And when in your Princely Wisdom You shall think fit to call another Parliament, we will endeavour the Election of such Representatives, as will be ready to support the present Government with necessary Supplies; such who will be zealous to serve their King and Church, and their Country, in seeking their Safety, Honour, and Interest. We are

Great SIR,

Your Majesties most Obedient Subjects,
and Humble Servants.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Capital Burgeses, of Your Majesties Bourrough of Harwich, in the County of Essex.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majesties truly Loyal, Faithful, and Obedient Subjects, most humbly and thankfully acknowledge the great Benefits and Immunities, we amongst others of Your Majesties Corporations enjoy, by the gracious Concessions of your Maje-

sty and Royal Predecessors, but especially we are bound to bless and praise God for Your Majesties happy and miraculous Restauration, whereby we not only enjoy the best of Princes, but also our Religion, Liberties, and Properties, and all that ought to be dear to good Christians, and Loyal Subjects. And also, We humbly thank Your Majesty for your Majesties most gracious and gentle Government, with Your Majesties Resolution, that notwithstanding many Provocations, Your Majesty will still Govern in all things according to the Laws of the Kingdom, nor ought we to forget Your Majesties many gracious Offers for the Security of the Protestant Religion as it is now Established, and to do the best endeavour to extirpate Popery, and to meet with your People in frequent Parliaments. And we do most humbly and heartily thank Your Majesty, for your Majesties most gracious late Declaration, and therein for Your Majesties Grace and Goodness in declaring, That as Your Majesty will not use any Arbitrary Power your Self, so You will not suffer it in others, to the great prejudice of your People. And when we have duly weighed and considered all the Benefits we have received by Your Majesties most gracious and gentle Government, we cannot on our parts answer it to God Almighty, Your Majesty, and our own Consciences, unless we joyn all our best endeavours to make all dutiful returns of chearful Obedience and steadfast Loyalty; nor can we chose but with grief of Heart be sensible, that some evil and seditious Men have endeavoured to make a misunderstanding betwixt Your Majesty and your People, desiring to plunge us into the same Confusion we were delivered from, by Your Majesties happy Restauration.

We therefore your Majesties truly Loyal and Obedient Subjects, do unanimously from our Hearts declare, and are resolved, that we will with our Lives and Fortunes, according to our Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and our Duty by all Laws, Natural, Humane, and Divine, defend Your Majesties Sacred Person, all your Majesties just Rights and Prerogatives, and the Protestant Religion, as it is now Established in the Church of England, against all Your Majesties Enemies, of what Perswasion soever. And we shall ever humbly pray for Your Majesties Long, Happy, Peaceable, and Prosperous Reign over us. And we do hope all Your Majesties Loyal and good Subjects, will joyn with us in these our Prayers and Resolutions. Given under our Hands and Seal of this Burrough the 22d day of July, Anno Dom. 1681.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Grand Jury for the County of Salop, in the name of themselves and the said County, at the Publick Sessions of the Peace, held in Shrewsbury the 12th day of July in the Thirty third year of his Majesties Gracious Reign.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, being sensible of the great Blessings which this Kingdom hath enjoyed ever since Your happy Restauration, and of Your Royal Favour and Gracious Condescension in your late Declaration, of your steady Resolution to preserve the Protestant Religion as now established by Law; and likewise to maintain the Liberties and Properties of your Subjects, do unanimously and heartily Declare

clare, that we will Defend Your Majesties Sacred Person and Government, with our Lives and Fortunes.

Agreed by us, whose Names are subscribed, Justices of the Peace for the said County, that this Address be humbly presented to His Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the Town of Shrewsbury in the County of Salop.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious and Dread Sovereign,

WE the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council of your Town of *Shrewsbury*, in the County of *Salop*, Your Majesties most Loyal Subjects, do in all humble manner most sincerely and heartily render unto Your Majesty, our humble acknowledgment, and unfeigned Thanks for your high and Princely Favour, in freely Declaring unto your Subjects your Majesties most Royal Resolution, Endeavours, and Readiness to preserve the Established Religion, Monarchy, and your Subjects Liberty and Property, to extirpate Popery, to have frequent Parliaments to redress grievances, to settle the Peace of Church and State, and Govern according to Law.

And we do further cordially and faithfully assure your most Gracious Majesty, that you shall not therein only, but also for preservation of your Majesties Sacred Person, be assisted by our real Affections, Prayers, Actions and Endeavours to our utmost Powers; and to the adventure and hazard of our terrestrial enjoyments; we well-knowing by our late sad experience, that if Monarchy should be shaken off (which God forbid) we should lose Religion, Liberty, Property, yea and our Lives; and for Your Majesties further satisfaction of the reality of our hearts therein, we do under our Hands attest the same; and that we are, and will continue, Your Majesties most Dutiful and Obedient Subjects.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Grand Jury and Justices of the Peace for the County of Hertford, at the Assizes held there, July the 14th, 1681.

Dread Sovereign,

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects of your County of Hertford, no less sensible than others of Your Majesties good Subjects of your most just and moderate Government, manifested by so many Testimonies since your Majesties happy Restoration; and particularly by your Princely Care and Goodness expressed towards your People, in your late most Gracious Declaration, in those great assurances You are pleased therein to renew unto us, of making the known Laws of this Realm the Rule and Standard of your Actions; and of discouraging the least tendency to Arbitrary Power in others; do with all Humility and Duty return your Majesty our most hearty and unfeigned Thanks for the same: Humbly beseeching your Majesty to accept from us our firm Resolutions to adhere to your Majesty, Your Lawful Heirs and Successors, with our All, both Lives and Estates, in the Preservation of your Sacred Person, Power, and Government, in Church and State, as now Estab-

lished by Law, against all Opposers whatsoever: Being infinitely satisfied, that the Defence of, and Loyalty to your Sacred Majesty, are as much our Duty as it is our Interest, and the only means to Establish the present, and Secure the future Happiness of your Kingdom. May your Life and Reign, Great S I R, be long and prosperous, and that on your Head (and in the Right Line after you) the Crown may for ever Flourish, is the Prayers of your Majesties most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Grand Jury for the County of Surrey, at the Assizes held at Kingston, this 20th day of July, Ann. Dom. 1681.

Great S I R,

YOUR Majesties late Gracious Declaration, upon the dutiful Confidence, which we, and all your good Subjects, have in your Royal Word, hath so fully answered all our hopes, and anticipated all our wishes, that we conceive there is nothing further left us to desire, than that your Majesty may long continue what you are, a most Indulgent and Beloved Prince; and we, what we sincerely profess, and joyfully acknowledge our selves to be, Your Majesties obedient and happy Subjects. So that the Design of this our present Humble application, is to discover our sense of the Happiness we enjoy under Your Majesties Government, and to let the World see we will not be diverted or deterred from any decent, or reasonable expression of our Duty and Allegiance; notwithstanding many late Pamphlets, and little tricks of Popular Rhetorick, have been used on purpose to discountenance and expose Loyal Addressors. We are ashamed that the practices of some few factious Men should make it necessary for us to express what always ought to be supposed and granted, that good Subjects are sensible of the Blessings of a just Government; and we beg Your Majesty to be assured, that our Zeal for Your Majesties service, hath kept pace with that of the most early Addressors, though in a modest imitation of Your Majesties Resolutions of acting according to Law; we have forborn thus publicly to Declare it, till we were legally qualified so to do.

And therefore as in the time of the late Rebellion, many Gentlemen of the best Characters of this your County of Surrey, did to their utmost hazard, and with the loss of some of their Lives, assert their Loyalty, by Petition, on behalf of Your Royal Father, to the late Usurped Power: So at this time we the Grand Jury for the Body of this County, do humbly presume to assure Your Majesty, that our Lives and Fortunes are entirely Devoted to the Service of Your Majesties Person and Crown, in its legal Descent, to your rightful Heirs and Successors, the preservation of the Protestant Religion and Government, as it is by Law established in Church and State, in opposition to the Hellish contrivances of undermining Papists and restless Dissenters.

The High Sheriff and the Justices of the Peace for this County, do concur in this Address, being present at the Assizes, and do unanimously and cordially subscribe our Names to it.

To The Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Town-Clerk, Sheriffs, and Burgers of the County-Burrough of Carmarthen, and Commonalty of the same.

WE the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Town-Clerk, Sheriffs, Burgesses, and Commonalty of the County Burrough of Carmarthen (a Town of constant unshaken Loyalty in the late miserable Times of Rebellion) are sincerely apprehensive of the inexpressible Blessings of the best Reformed Religion, for Doctrine and Discipline, our Laws, Liberties, Properties, secure Commerce, Peace, and Plenty, comfortably enjoyed, next to the Divine Goodness, by the influence of the Care, Prudence, and Protection of your Majesties Government, which had been for many years before Your Majesties happy Restauration, insolently invaded, desperately invaded by varieties of changes, in illegal, tyrannical Usurgations, under specious pretences (the Marques of seditious Designs) with dutiful, grateful Souls, we humbly acknowledge our abundant satisfaction in the reiterated assurances in your Gracious Speeches in the two last Parliaments assembled, in your transcendently signal Declaration, imprinted by indelible Characters in our Hearts, of Your Sacred Majesties fixed Resolution, not to warp from the defence of the Protestant Religion, established by Law in this Kingdom, as not to practise your self, so not to permit to others in any capacities, separated or concerned Subjects, any Arbitrary exercises, exorbitances of Power; that we may be Governed by certain known Laws, not by uncertain, every day mutable Votes; a pressure that we dignally languished under, when Monarchy was eclips'd; for the bright luster thereof, and the just continuance to be transmitted to succeeding Generations; we shall, as we are bound by our Duties and Oaths, readily sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes, in opposition and detestation of all Traitorous and Factious Conspiracies, Popish or Phantastical.

Though ether Burroughs have got the start to precede in the time of their Addresses, yet none can excel us in devoted, unfeigned, obsequious Affections towards Your Majesty; to whom God grant a long and prosperous Reign over us and victorious over all your Enemies. It is our Principle and Maxim, That the honour of the King is the safety of the Kingdom.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Right Honourable William Earl of Craven, Your Majesties Lieutenant of the County of Middlesex, and City and Liberties of Westminster; the Deputy-Lieutenants, Colonels, Licutenant-Colonels, Majors, Captains, Lieutenants, Ensigns, and other interior Officers of the Militia of the said County, City, and Liberties.

May it please Your Sacred Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, do acknowledge it to have been a transcendent Grace and Favour in Your Majesty and Royal Predecessors, Kings and Queens of this Kingdom, that Your Government is settled by Laws: We further acknowledge, that Your Majesty hath an indubitable Right and Power, both

of Scepter and Sword, to compel Obedience to those Laws; This Sword Your Majesty hath been pleased to intrust us with, in this County, to be used (by Your Majesties Command) in execution of the said Law, for the preservation of the Peace in this County. and the opposing, and suppressing of all Your Majesties Foreign and Domestick Enemies: We do deem our selves in Duty bound, to render your Majesty, our most humble and hearty Thanks, that you have been Graciously pleased by your Majesties late Declaration, to give your Subjects assurance, that you will Govern them according to the said Laws: And we do esteem our selves obliged, by the Trust Your Majesty hath reposed in us, and the Confidence of the Oaths we have taken, to Declare, That we will be true and faithful to Your Majesty, Your Heirs and lawful Successors; and with our Lives and Fortunes, endeavour to Defend Your Majesties Sacred Person (whom God long preserve) and your Government in Church and State (as by the said Laws established) against all Popish and Popish Conspiracies, and all other Disturbers of the Peace whatsoever.

The Humble Address of Your Majesties Lieutenant with other Deputy Lieutenants, and Officers of the Militia, with the Justices of the Peace, Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Nottingham.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects, being not only truly sensible of the Blessings this Nation hath enjoyed under Your Majesties most Gracious and Favourable Government ever since the sad condition from which we were wonderfully delivered by your Majesties Miraculous Restauration; But withal, being further made happy by the assurances Your Majesty hath been pleased to give us, of transmitting the same Blessings, even to Posterity, by those kind premises in Your Majesties most Royal Declaration, expressing your Gracious Resolution of continuing the Government of Church and State, as now by Law established; cannot therefore, and without offending against Gratitude it self, forbear to present to Your Majesty this humble testimony of our Thankfulness, with this assurance, That if at any time Your Majesty shall find Your Self in the least opposed, or invaded by any Power whatsoever; in the maintenance of your Majesties Rights and Prerogatives, we do give up our Selves, our Lives and Fortunes to your Majesties disposal, whose long, prosperous, and peaceable Reign over us, God Almighty grant. Signed by near 1600 Persons.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of your Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects the Grand jurors of the Body of Your Majesties County of Wilts, at the Assizes and General Gaol-Delivery held at the City of New-Sarum the 18th day of July, Anno Domini 1681.

May it please Your Sacred Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects the Grand Jury for the Body of Your Majesties said County of Wilts, do with one Voice acknowledge the Comforts we enjoy under Your Princely Government, and the Duty we owe unto Your Majesty for the

the most Gracious Promises made to us in your late Declaration, we should not have presumed to have offered unto Your Majesty, the importunity of this Address, were it not at a time when so many Seditious Practices are set on foot towards the lessening of Your Majesty in the Eyes of your People; and therefore we reckon our selves so much the more obliged to Assert our Zeal and Duty, by a more than ordinary instance of our Faith and Allegiance.

We are (may it please Your Majesty) most deeply sensible of the several Plots and Conspiracies against your Royal Crown and Dignity, which under colour of securing us in our Religion and Liberties, are manifestly tending to the destruction of both.

We do therefore most humbly make a tender unto Your Sacred Majesty of this assurance, That we are ready with our Lives and Fortunes to serve your Illustrious Person, and to maintain the Rights of your Majesties Prerogative, and of your Royal Successors, and all the just Rights, both of the Church and State, as by Law established against all Conspiracies or Oppositions whatsoever, whether Papists or Schismatics; and this, without any other end than to discharge our Consciences as Dutiful Subjects to the best of Kings, whom God Almighty Protect and Preserve.

We whose Names are here-under written, do heartily, cheerfully, and humbly concur in this Address, being Justices of the Peace, in and for the said County.

To the Kings Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury, Gentlemen, and other Persons, Assembled at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, begun at Beccles, for the Body of the County of Suffolk, the 11th day of July, in the thirty third Year of Your Majesties Reign.

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, did ever most intirely rely upon Your Majesties known and experimented Clemency, Goodness, and Justice, for the preservation of our Rights and Properties, no less than upon your piety, for the Defence and Continuance of the most Excellent Protestant Religion, now by Law Established, against the Secret Frauds and open Violence of them who would Enslave us both ways, under the pretence of greater Liberty, as we had abundant Experience in the late miserable Times of Anarchy and Confusion; when not only our Lives and Fortunes, our Liberties, and Properties, were exposed to the Rapine of Covetous and Ambitious Men, but the Glorious Light of the Gospel was almost totally Eclips'd by a dreadful Cloud of Heresies and Schisms, which then arose, and which might have reduced us to Popery, or perpetuated that Arbitrary Tyranny, which we then groaned under, but that God in his Mercy restored Your Sacred Majesty, and with you, and by you, our Ancient Liberties and Religion. And we do humbly acknowledge, that next under God, it is to your Majesties Courage, Prudence, and Justice, that we owe our preservation this last Twenty Years, from being involved again in our former Miseries, which we are extremely sensible, have been all along endeavoured by Men of the same Factious and Disloyal Principles; so that nothing could have been more acceptable to us than your Majesties late Gracious Declaration,

by which an additional Assurance is given of your Royal Care, not only for our Safety, but Satisfaction.

In contemplation of which, we presume to lay this Address as a Testimony of our thankfulness for all your Princely Favours towards us your Loyal Subjects, at your Royal Feet, humbly and faithfully assuring Your Majesty, that we shall be ready on all occasions, to expose our Lives and Fortunes to the utmost Perils, in defence of your Sacred Person and Government, and in asserting and maintaining your Royal Prerogatives, agreeable to the Laws and Customs of this Realm, against all Forrain and Domestick encroachments whatsoever. May Your Majesties Enemies, whether Disloyal Scoundrels, factious Commonwealth-Men, or Murdering Jesuits, be Cloathed with Shame, but upon Your Self, and Your Lawful Successors, may Your Crown flourish till Time and all Humane Governments shall end together.

We Your Majesties Justices of the Peace of the County of Suffolk, and Grand Juries Assembled at the respective General Sessions of the Peace holden at Woodbridge, and Ipswich, for the said Division, do unanimously agree in humbly presenting Your Majesty with the aforesaid Address. Witness our Hands this 11th and 12th days of July Anno. Dom. Christi. 1681

To our Gracious Sovereign Lord Charles the Second, by the Grace of God, of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c.

May it Please your most Sacred Majesty,

WE Your most Loyal and Obedient Subjects of Your Ancient Burrough of *Wreobley*, in Your Loyal County of *Hereford*, do think it our Duty, not to be behind with our Neighbours, in returning Your Majesty our most humble Thanks, for Your Majesties most Gracious Declaration, in which we have received so great satisfaction, that we heartily praise God for your Princely care over us, and shall still acknowledge his Goodness in Blessing us with a Prince who so prudently foresaw the ruin of your Self and us, which must have been expected from such unparallel'd Mischiefs which were threatened, if they had not been timely prevented. It is our petition to Your Sacred Majesty, that we may never be made slaves to our fellow-Subjects; for in Your Prosperity and Welfare we all breathe: And if Your Sacred Majesty preserve the Church, as it is now established, which we no way doubt; You and us (by the Grace of God) shall ever prosper; and may the foresight of Your Grandfather King *James* of Blessed Memory, be settled in your Princely Breast, to have a watch upon those which go about to alter the same. We lay our Lives and Fortunes at Your Majesties Feet, with this assurance to Your most Sacred Majesty, that we shall ever be careful in our Election, to make choice of such Persons as are well affected to the Government both in Church and State, as it is now by Law established. And may the greatest Blessings of Heaven ever attend Your Sacred Person, is the joynt and unanimous Prayer of

Your Majesties Faithful and Obedient Subjects.

An humble Address from the Gentlemen and Freeholders of Holland in the County of Lincoln.

Most Gracious and Dread Sovereign,

VV^E Your Majesties most Obedient and Faithful Subjects, the Gentlemen and Freeholders for the parts of *Holland* in the County of *Lincoln*, out of the deep sense of Your Majesties unwearied Constancy, and pious Care for the preservation of the Church of *England*, in Doctrine and Worship, with those Prudent and necessary Laws by which the said Church is Established; and for the defence of which, Your Royal Father of blessed Memory dyed a Glorious Martyr; do oblige us to this humble Address, expressing both our Joy and Gratitude for Your Majesties Gracious Declaration, whereby we are assured, that Your Majesty has Graciously assured us, that you will defend the just Rights of your Crown, in the lineal and natural Succession of them; and since Your Majesty has Graciously assured us, that You will not only preserve, but make the good Laws enacted by Your Royal Ancestors, the Rules of Your Government; We do most humbly beg, that those Laws of the 5th of *Q. Eliz.* and the third of *King James*, of happy Memory, which are the chief (if not the only) Bulwarks of our Church and Religion (and therefore have been in such dangers to be undermined and ruined by those who are enemies to both) may be duly and impartially executed against all Dissentors, of what Name or Faction soever. We cannot but with great Grief and Consternation of our Hearts and Minds, consider that our Parliaments, which have hitherto been the restorers of our Breaches, the conservers and maintainers of the Sacred Power and Prerogative of our Kings, and the just Properties and Liberties of the Subject, have of late proved so unsuccessful, while some Men (whose Principles Your Majesty has very well observed unto us) have invaded the Prerogative of the Crown, and infringed the Liberties of their fellow Subjects; yet still Your Majesty is Graciously Resolved, that no irregularities in Parliament shall ever cause You to be out of love with them, or lay them aside, which is a clear testimony unto us, that Your Majesty will to the utmost endeavour, to extirpate Popery and Schism, to redress all the Grievances of Your Subjects, and in all things to Govern according to the Laws of Your Kingdom. Such Favours and Blessings as these, Command our sincerest Duty, and most unfeigned Thanks, which we here in all Humility present to Your most Sacred Majesty; and we do firmly and unanimously Resolve, to support, assist and defend Your most Sacred Person, Your Honour and Renown, the Hereditary and Legitimate Succession of Your Royal Crown and Scepter in the right Descent and Line, the established Government in Church and State, with our hands and Hearts, our Lives and Fortunes, which are all due to Your unparallel'd Goodness; and we shall never think them better hazarded or spent, than when we do most approve our selves,

Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, Subscribers to this Humble Address. Signed by about 300.

The humble Address of the Recorder, Deputy-Recorder, Aldermen, Capital Burghers, Freemen, and other Inhabitants, of your Majesties most ancient Borough of Stamford in the County of Lincoln.

May it please your Sacred Majesty,

W^E Your Majesties most Loyal Subjects, the Recorder, Deputy Recorder, Aldermen, Capital Burghers, Freemen, and other Inhabitants of Your Majesties most Ancient Borough of *Stamford* in the County of *Lincoln*, craye leave to Declare, that our very Thoughts and Hearts have been express in all those Loyal Acknowledgements (which we have read) of Your Majesties Gracious Condescension in your late Declaration; concerning the Dissolution of the two last Parliaments, we are so far from being agrieved, that we have been prevented by their early zeal, that we are overjoyed to see so many of your Majesties faithful Subjects, with humble Gratitude testifying to your Majesties unparallel'd Grace, and Declaring themselves sensible of the Nations true Interest. It was easily discernable how Your Royal Goodness was necessitated to interrupt that Embarcasse with Your Majesties People, which by your Majesties long Continuance and frequent calling of Parliaments, had Evidenced to be infinitely pleasing to Your Majesty; and were astonish'd to find such ill humours moving in a season that absolutely required the most dutiful demeanor of Subjects to their Sovereign; and abash'd to see the breach, occasioned by Persons, whose Trust and Quality prompted them to all submissive Correspondence with a most Gracious King. We therefore in all humble Reverence, admire Your Majesties seasonable interposing, as a Manifest Testimony of Your Majesties prudent vigilance for the Peace and welfare of Your Kingdoms, a timely vindication of Sacred Regal Sovereignty, & of the Fundamental Constitution of English hereditary Monarchy, the Glory and Safety of the three Nations, a Zeal for the Honour of Parliaments, an asserting of the true Protestant and Christian Principle of impartial and unconditional Loyalty, and a resolute enforcing those wholesome Laws upon which the Peace of our Church, and the liberty of all Your Majesties Subjects depend.

We heartily, with the rest of Your Majesties good Subjects, bless Almighty God, as for the uninterrupted course of Your Majesties Just and Gracious Government, the beneficial influence of which so long experienced, apparently detects the unreasonableness of all the seditious Suggestions and Calumnies of the Enemies of your Majesties and our Peace; so likewise for the comfortable effects of Your Majesties late vigorous exercise of Royalty, and of the clear satisfaction given by Your Majesties late Declaration, even to the abused part of Your Majesties Subjects, both in the sudden vanishing those frightful apprehensions that terrified the minds of the vulgar, and in the considerable check given to the insolent phanatics (we had almost said) openly encouraged to insult over Loyalty and Conformity.

In humble return to Your Sacred Majesties incomparable Goodness, we humbly beseech Your Princely Clemency to accept of this unfeigned Assurance, that both in Conscience to the Sovereign King, whose Authority in our Publick Devotions, we confess Your Majesty to have, and in Gratitude to the most indulgent of Kings, we shall with hazard of Lives and Estates, be ever ready to maintain Your Majesties undoubted Supremacy, against all Papal, Conspiratorial, or Democratical pretensions, the Hereditary Descent of the

Crown, and in our Stations, those excellent Laws, by which Your Majesties Royal Progenitors, have secured to us our Religion and Liberties, with all Zeal opposing to the Whispers and Clamours of Popular Seducers, our own and the Nations general Peace, of the Clemency and Righteousness of Your Majesties admirable Government. The long continuance of which we pray for, with the Devotion which becomes Men not weary of their sweet Happiness, and who withal live in a Corporation early Honoured with the Marks of Your Gracious Majesties particular Favour.

Signed by above 250.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of us the major part of the Grand Inquest for the County of *Southampton*, at the Assize held for the said County, the 14th day of *July*, 1681, in a grateful acknowledgment of his Majesties most Gracious Favour, by his late Declaration, do most humbly make this our Address to His Sacred Majesty, wherein we do humbly desire the concurrence of the Justices of the Peace for this County.

Royal S I R,

HAVING had so great and long experience of Your Majesties incomparable Prudence, Justice, and Moderation, by which we have enjoyed our Religion, Laws, and Liberty, with all freedom and security ever since Your Majesties happy Restauration; and observing the unsuitable returns which some ill Men have made to such transcendent Favours, by audaciously Libelling Your Sacred Person; raising causeless fears and jealousies on Your Proceedings, defaming the Government, and maliciously misinterpreting the best of Your Majesties Councils and Actions; it being manifest also, That those who make the loudest alarm against Popery, do endeavour to destroy one of the best Protestant Churches in the World, and the firmest Bulwark against it; and that many of those who cry out against Arbitrary Power, are the only Persons that would exercise it. We Your Majesties Faithful and Loyal Subjects, do with all submission unto the whole Conduct of Your Majesties Affairs, and with a perfect detestation of such seditious practices, lay our selves at Your Majesties feet, gratefully acknowledging both Your former care and Grace extended unto us; as also the late condensation in publishing that most excellent Declaration, which assures us of Your Majesties Royal Intentions, still to continue the same Protection of us in our Religion and Property, and to maintain your own Prerogative, without which we cannot be secured: by which seasonable manifestation, the Hearts of Your good Subjects are confirmed, the misinform'd convinc'd, and the mouths Stopt of all, but those unreasonable and designing Parties, whose Interest is not to be satisfied with any thing. And we do with earnestness beseech Almighty God, to strengthen and prosper Your Majesty in those Pious and Magnanimous Resolutions, declaring our readiness on all occasions, to stand by Your Majesty with our Lives and Fortunes, for the preservation of Your Royal Person, Crown, and lawful Succession; and for the maintenance of the Government both in Church and State, as now established by Law, against all opposition of factious and turbulent Men; Popish Consults, or Phantick Junctoes; whose Designs, how different soever they may appear, do all center into the same point, the ruin of the Monarchy, and Church of England, both which are so linkt together,

and so dear to all true Englishmen, that Your Majesty shall never want our Hand and Hearts for the Defence of them, nor our Prayers for Your Majesties long and Happiness.

Memorandum, *The Justices of the Peace then Present on the Bench, did unanimously concur herein, by their setting their Hands hereunto.*

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

An Address made to His Majesty by the Lieutenant and Deputy-Lieutenants, Colonels, Lieutenant Colonels, Majors, Captains, Lieutenants, Ensigns, and all other the Officers of the Hamlets, belonging to His Majesties Tower of London.

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, have considered that a great part of the strength and security of Your Majesties Tower of London, consists in the Courage, Care, and Fidelity of the Militia of the *Tower-Hamlets*, by whom the Peace of these *Hamlets* will be likewise secured: which is of very great importance to Your Majesty, these *Hamlets* principally consisting of Sea-faring men, and Manufacturers, by which the Trade and Commerce of Your great City and Kingdom is maintained and carried on, the Peace and security of this place being of so great consequence to Your Majesty and Government. We must acknowledge the Trust reposed in us by Your Majesty to be very great, and therefore from the Duty of that Trust, and the Obligation of all the Oaths we have taken to be true and faithful to Your Majesty, Your Heirs and lawful Successors, we do Declare, that as Your Majesty hath been Graciously pleased by your late Declaration to assure your Subjects, You will Govern them according to the Laws (for which we return You our most humble Thanks) so we shall not only observe those Laws our selves, but by Your Majesties Command, make use of that Power Your Majesty hath given us, to oblige all other Your Majesties Subjects within our jurisdiction to the like observance, Your Majesty having Declared You expect it. And we further Declare, That we shall be always ready to expose our Lives and Fortunes for the Defence of Your Majesties Sacred Person, and Your Government in Church and State, as by Law established, against all Your Majesties Enemies, and disturbers of the Peace whatsoever.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, Common Council, and other Inhabitants of Your Majesties Town and Burrough of Leeds, in the West-riding of the County of York.

WE Your Majesties most Humble and most Obedient Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, Common Council, and other Inhabitants of Your Majesties Town and Burrough of *Leeds*, in the *West-Riding* of the County of *York*, Present to Your Majesty our most sincere Thanks, for our holy Rites, Laws, Freedoms, and Properties, all fallen with Monarchy, and raised again by Your Majesties happy Restauration; before which barbarous and boundless Tyranny did every

every where prevail and over bear all Rights, Sacred and Civil, continual over-flows of violent misrule, numerous as the Factions and Ring-leaders, after usurpation on Majesty, advancing in turns, and turmoiling to a Common Chaos, the safety of the People pretended, made a Cloak to enslave the People, nothing more destructive to Liberty than the Keepers, Votes and Ordinances tearing up, and Blowing away the old Foundation. We present our most humble Thanks also to Your Majesty, for the Graces of Your Majesties Royal Declaration, Your Majesties tender Care expressed in that for the Church of England, the most Pure for Principles of Faith, and Worship, and alone truly Loyal; Your Majesties Fatherly regard of the Interest and Peace of Your Majesties Lieges, assuring that Your Majesty will not suffer us to be Oppressed by any Arbitrary Power whatsoever. We fully and freely submit and acquiesce in Your Majesties Prudence and Government in all things.

We believe Your Majesty was always for, and will call frequent Parliaments, when need shall be, and we hope and with all Orders in them will and may be Obesant and Obequious to Your Majesty, conform regularly to the ends of such Assembling, and comply in all the High and Weighty Affairs: which concern Your Majesties Estate and Honour, and the Publick Good so linkt together, that they are inseperable one and the same.

We shall be ever ready according to our bounden Duty and natural Allegiance to serve Your Majesty with our Lives and Fortunes, against all Opposition and Attempts of Male-content, and seditious Mutineers, and Aspireers, of what Superstition, Sect, or Combination soever, and set to the utmost for Defence and Preservation of Your Majesties Sacred Person, maintaining and support of Your Majesties Imperial Crown in its full Grandeur and Splendor, and the Lineal Hereditary Descent thereof, according to the Inherent Birthright, and lawful and undoubted Succession in its due Course.

May God, from and by whom only Kings Reign, direct and prosper all Your Majesties Councils and Undertakings, and make Your Majesties Years many, and Glorious and Flourishing, and clothe Your Majesties restless Enemies with shame, as horrible as their Perfidiousness and Ingratitude to the best and most obliging of Princes, are foul and impious.

So prays Your Majesties most Faithful, and most Obedient Subjects, and Servants.
Signed by about 400.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble address of the City of Chester, being Signed by about 800 of the Principal Persons of that City.

May it please Your most Excellent Majesty, WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, (having with no less joy and satisfaction than others our fellow Subjects, who have been more earlier in their Address) heard your Majesties Gracious Declaration read in our Churches, whereby we receive fresh assurances of Your Majesties great Wisdom and Resolution, to defend the Church and State from the Designs of ill men, who act contrary to the Laws of God, and the well established Government of this Realm; do with all humble submission render our unfeigned Thanks for that Your Majesties Royal Declaration, accounting our selves the most

happy People in the World, under Your Majesties Government. And therefore do unanimously Resolve (as are in Duty and Allegiance bound) to Sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes in the Defence of Your Majesties Royal Person, Government and Lawful Successors, in opposition to all who shall by any means endeavour to invade the Rights of the Crown, subvert the constitution of the Church as now by Law established, or destroy the Liberty of the Subject; and as there are none more ambitious to promote Your Majesties Honour and Happiness, nor more zealous for the Prosperity of this Church and State; So we Humbly beseech Your Majesty to retain the same assurance of our Loyalty, which your Royal Father of Blessed Memory ever had; and that Your Majesty may enjoy a long and prosperous Reign here; and hereafter everlastingly Reign in the Kingdom of Heaven, is, and ever shall be the constant Prayers of, your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Lord Lieutenant, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Gentlemen, the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants within Your Majesties County of Cambridge.

WE being truly sensible of your Majesties Princely Care, to preserve the Liberties and Properties of your Subjects, and knowing your Resolution to govern according to the Established Laws of this Realm, manifested not only by Your Majesties late Royal Declaration, but also by the whole Series of Your Majesties Reign, do most humbly, with our whole Hearts and Minds, acknowledge the same; and do likewise return your Majesty our most humble Thanks, for your so often repeated Acts of Graces, which ought to have produced true and unfeigned Obedience in all Your Majesties Subjects: But since many ill minded and seditious Persons, have contrived and set on foot Traiterous and Wicked Designs, against Your Majesties Royal Person and Government, by Law established; We do most faithfully Resolve and Declare, That we will assist and stand by Your Majesty, your Heirs and lawful Successors, with our Lives and Fortunes, against all Popish, Seditious, and Factionous Dissentors, and all other Persons of what Degree or condition soever, that shall contrive or Endeavour to do any Violence to your Majesties Sacred Person, or attempt the Alteration or Subversion of your Majesties Government either in Church and State: And as a Testimony thereof, We here publicly and unanimously set our Hands, humbly beseeching Your Majesty to accept the same.

Signed by about 2000 Persons.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, and other the Inhabitants of Your Majesties Loyal County of Rutland.

WE Your Majesties most Faithful and Dutiful Subjects, seriously considering the unspeakable Misery and Confusion of this Nation before, and its great and constant Felicity and Happiness ever since Your Majesties Blessed Restauration, can never sufficiently bless God for the one, or enough abhor

abhor and detest the Principles, Ways, and Methods, that lead us into the other. And now of late we have been highly transported with Your Majesties most Gracious Declaration, assuring us that no Irregularity can provoke Your Majesty to Act contrary to the Laws and Constitutions of your Realm, vouchsafing to render Causes and Reasons of your Wisdom and Goodness to us, and as it were the Appealing to the meanness of Your loving Subjects, not content barely to Secure us, unless You also further satisfy us. We can never be sufficiently sensible of, or return suitable Thanks to Your Sacred Majesty for so great a Condescension; and had we any thing dearer than our Lives and Fortunes, we would lay all at Your Majesties Feet, for the just defence of your most Sacred Person, undoubted Prerogative, and the most Primitive Religion, as now by Law Established: Beseeching the King of Kings to blast and defeat the Counsels and Designs of all Your Majesties Enemies; Romish and Schismatical, and that the Church of England (that sure and formidable Bulwark against Popery) may forever Flourish under Your Majesty, and your most Lawful Heirs and Successors, the Great and Glorious Defender of it. So shall ever Pray, Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects.

Signed by above 12 Hundred, and Presented to His Majesty by Andrew Noel, Esq; and Dr. Nicholas Only.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgees of Your Majesties Burrough-Town of Newport, in your County of Monmouth.

Most Dread Sovereign,

THOUGH we Your Majesties most Humble and Obedient Subjects, the Mayor Aldermen, and Burrough-Town of Newport, in Your County of Monmouth, do appear before your Sacred Majesty one of the last and least of Your Majesties Corporations, and do from the very bottom of our Hearts, acknowledge your Majesties Royal Grace and Goodness, in your late Declaration, touching the Dissolving of the two Last Parliaments: And although your Majesties Gracious Reign over us since your Majesties Restoration, might be a sufficient Evidence and Testimony of your Integrity to the Protestant Religion, and of your Governing according to the known and established Laws of this Nation, and might be motives sufficient to reduce the most refractory to their just Duties and Obedience: Yet the Reasons your Majesty was pleased to give in your said Gracious Declaration, and your Resolution to maintain the Protestant Religion by Law establish'd, and the continuance of your Government, as hitherto You have done, was a thing that could not be expected by us, nor the reality thereof suspected by the worst of Men; We will therefore henceforth study to undeceive those that have been led astray. And we do hereby protest and declare from our very Souls, that we will stick to your Majesty, your just Rights, and Royal Prerogatives, and the Lineal Succession in the Royal Line, to the last drop of Blood in our Bodies; against all Opposers whatsoever; and that we will hazard all that's good and dear to us, to support your Majesty, your Heirs and Lawful Successors, against the Malecontented of the Time, being assured that nothing in this World can absolve us from our Oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance, which we acknowledge we have all taken by good and lawful Authority: So be-

seeching God to preserve your Majesty from all dangers, we desire no longer to Live than to be esteemed,

Most Dread Sovereign,

Your Majesties most Humble, Faithful, and Obedient, and Loyal Subjects.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

Denbighshire.

The humble Address of the Grand Jury, for the Body of the said County, in the name of themselves, and of the County aforesaid, and of the Grand Jury for the several Burroughs of the said County, at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace holden at Ruthin, for the County aforesaid, upon Tuesday, the 13th day of July, in the 33d Year of Your Majesties Reign.

WE Your Majesties Loyal and Obedient Subjects, having in bitter remembrance, the Bloody Impressions of the late Rebellion, carried on to the scandal of our Religion, by a wicked Generation of Men, calling themselves Protestants, under the specious Name of a Parliament (or the Corruption of the best things is most detestable) and ending in the cruel unparliamentary Murder of our King, and the Subversion of our Government, cannot but reflect upon those dark Times, with Horror and Detestation; when instead of a soft and gentle Monarchy, under the best of Kings, we were plunged into an unlimited Tyranny under the worst and vilest of our Fellow Subjects. These reflections, most Sacred and Dread Sovereign, call upon us especially at such a time as this, to assert our Primitive and Unstained Loyalty, and to lay our selves humbly under Your Majesties Feet, with our Lives and Fortunes: Your Majesties Royal Declaration, by which Your Majesty is graciously pleased to communicate to Your People, the state of Your Affairs, and to assure us of Your constant Endeavour, to extirpate Popery, to preserve the established Protestant Religion, to Govern according to Law, is so great a Condescension on Your Majesties part, that we wholly resign our selves to Your Majesties Wisdom and Conduct; and as we may not without ingratitude pass by Your Majesties particular Royal Favour to this Country, in the Act against Importation of Irish Cattle, so we hope and pray, that your Majesty in Parliament and out of Parliament, may meet with that intire Confidence, Affection, and Obedience, from our Fellow Subjects. Whereby your Majesties Hands may be strengthened for the Defence of Your Sacred Person, and the Government, against the Malice of Foreign and Domestick Enemies, who shall dare to disturb Your Majesties Peace and Repose.

May it please Your Sacred Majesty, We the Justices of the Peace present at the said Sessions, do after a most humble manner, joyn with the Gentlemen of the Grand Jury, in this Address.

May it please your most Excellent Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, Your Majesties Justices of the Peace, and the Grand Jury, Sworn and Returned for the whole Body of the Isle of Ely, with others whose Names are here Subscribed: Having sometimes since, with

with all due Reverence and Attention, heard Your Majesties most Gracious and Seasonable Declaration, we could not but with some Impacience wait, and now readily embrace this first Opportunity of expressing jointly and unanimously the great sense we have, as well of that Your Majesties singular Condescension, as of Your most Princely Wisdom, in finding out from time to time, such Means and Methods of Governing, as have always been effectual in preserving Peace and Happiness amongst us. We do most unfeignedly believe what Your Majesty so solemnly declares, and doubt not in the least of the performance of those Your Gracious Promises and Resolutions, made publick and Sacred in all our Congregations, to preserve our Religion to us, as it is now by Law established, and to secure your Subjects from all sort of Arbitrary Government, which Your Majesties Fatherly Care and Tenderness, merit; We Pray God reward with a long continuance of your own strict Power and Reign over us. And as to those destructive Courses of some Evil-minded Men, which Your Majesty so justly complains of in Your Declaration: We (with all good People) do utterly Disclaim and Detest them, viz. All Fædious Designs, tending to the disturbance of Your Majesties Peace in Church and State. And the horrible Usurpation and aimes of Ambitious Men for their own greatness, and the perfidiousness of Commonwealth Principles in an Established Monarchy, as is this of Your Majesties: And we cannot but rejoyce, to find Your Majesty so expressly professing your Self in your own Royal Judgment, so nearly concerned in Honour, Justice, and Conscience, to preserve the Rightful Succession of the Crown in its Legal Descent; for which we our Liege and Faithful Subjects, find our selves also (within our lower Sphere of bounden Subjection) concern'd in Conscience, Justice, and Loyalty, and the Bond of Sacred Oaths so ought voluntarily and legally repeated: And we further Pray the Divine Majesty, to reward this Your Majesties Honourable and Conscientious Care herein, with such length of Days, and Prosperous Reign, that we in our Age may never have any experience of other Succession than that of Your own succeeding Years.

And whereas Your Majesty, with so loving and gracious a Confidence in your Subject, speaks your Royal Hearted, that you shall be assisted by their Loyalty and good Affections; we in all Humility, casting our selves and this our Address at your Sacred Feet, do profess our selves obliged to declare, that we will (through Gods help) assist your Royal Resolutions to the utmost of our Powers, devoting thereto our Lives and Fortunes, in the Defence of Your Majesties Person and Government, the Protestant Religion, as now by Law established, and this rightful Succession of the Imperial Crown of the Realm, against all Plots and Treiterous Conspiracies, be they either of Papists, or of any other disaffected Persons that shall at any time design the Subversion of the best of Churches and the best of Governments, or shall dare to Attempt the Sacred Life of Him, whose Justice and Clemency bespeak Him the best of Kings.

We the Grand Juries for the Bodies of this County of Suffolk, and Franchise of the Burry St. Edmund, the Justices of the Peace Assembled at the Assizes holden at Burry St. Edmund, the 21st day of July. 1681.

May it please Your most Excellent Majesty,

HAVING with great Joy, been anticipated in our Resolutions, of paying at this time our Dutiful Acknowledgments to Your Majesty for your Gracious

Declaration, by the preceding Address, wherein was the concurrent and unanimous Consent of the Grand Juries, and Justices of the Peace, at the several Sessions mentioned; and wherein was conveyed to us the desires of all Persons as these times employed in the Service of their Country, to represent their Duties to your Majesty. Do most humbly beseech your Sacred Majesty, to accept also of the joyned and unanimous assurance of our joyning with those other parts of our Country, in the acknowledging the happiness of enjoying our Religion and Laws, to proceed from Your Majesties most gracious and Wise Government, in making You the humble and faithful tender of our Selves and Estates, in the defence of your Sacred Person, your Lawful Successors and the Government as by Law Established: And in presuming to add our earnest desires for Your Majesties being assisted with all just and reasonable Supplies, for and towards those great ends of Government, wherein your Majesties Honour, and our own Safeties, are so deeply concerned.

The humble Address of Your Majesties most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects of the County of Kent.

May it please Your most Excellent Majesty,

VVE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, having with sad Reflections, observed the late Practices of some Ambitious Statesmen, and Commonwealth Schismatics, which raised a Fermentation and unreasonable Unquietness in the minds of Your Liege People, do now with much repose of Spirit, satisfy our selves with Your Majesties late Declaration; whereby depending on your Royal Word, we behold our selves for the present in a most safe and secure Condition, as to the enjoyment of our Religion, Liberty and Property. And as we are bound in general to return hearty Thanks to God and to Your Majesty for the Common Peace and Happiness we enjoy under the Gentleness of Your Majesties most easie Government, so we do in a particular manner, with all Gratitude, acknowledge your Majesties late Assurances to preserve unto us our Religion, as by Law Established, a Testimony of which, Your Majesty hath given to the World by an unwillingness to pass your Royal Assent to any Act which may Repeal that of the 35th of Elizabeth, the Execution of which we esteem an effectual means, to secure us from the Enemies of our Church and State. And because we are highly sensible of the great Benefits we receive by Parliaments, we do therefore with all Joy and Humility return Your Majesty our most Cordial Thanks for the Gracious Assurances You have freely given us of your Resolutions, that no Irregularities in Parliaments shall ever provoke You to thoughts of laying them aside.

And lastly, We do unanimously assure Your Majesty, that we are and shall be ready with our Lives and Fortunes, to defend your Sacred Person, and the Government of the Church and State, as now by Law Established, against all Popish Plots, and Treasonable Designs whatsoever. That so we who had once the privilege to conduct your Majesty to Your Throne, at your happy Restauration, may still have the Honour of retaining those constant and immovable Principles of Loyalty, which may evidence to the World how unanimously we resolve to Live and Die,

Your Sacred Majesties most Humble, Loyal, Dutiful, and Obedient Subjects.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Justices of Peace, and Grand Jury at the Assizes holden at Maidstone for Your Majesties County of Kent. July 26.

W E Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, out of our deepest sense of Gratitude as well as Duty, cannot omit returning Your Majesty our most unfeigned and hearty Thanks for delivering us from an encroaching Arbitrary Power, which Your Majesty has been Graciously pleased to assure us, You will never exercise over us your Self: As also for Your Majesties late most Gracious Declaration, by which we are fully satisfied, that Your Majesty will Govern us (according to the Laws of the Kingdom, both in Church and State as now by Law established) and preserve the ancient Monarchy in its due and legal course of Descent. For which, (out of Loyalty as well as Duty) we humbly offer to Assist Your Sacred Majesty with our Lives and Fortunes, whensoever Your Majesty shall be please to Command us.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Grand Jury for the County of Hereford, at the Assizes and General Gaol-Delivery held at Hereford the 30th day of July. 1681.

May it please Your Most Sacred Majesty,

W E Your Majesties most Faithful and Loyal Subjects, the Grand Inquest for the Body of the County of Hereford, having sincerely endeavoured, and (we hope) fully discharged our Duty according to our Oaths, in the impartial Enquiry after the Breach of the Laws of this your Realm; and out of a serious consideration of those Blessings we have long enjoyed under the influence of Your Majesties most serene and auspicious Reign, humbly conceive our selves obliged, by the strictest Ties of Gratitude, to render to Your Majesty the devout Obligation of our hearts, as well for Your Majesties most Gracious Declaration, to Rule by those Excellent Laws, and to maintain and support the Religion and Government, as now by Law established. And we humbly beg of Your Majesty to believe, that we cheerfully and unanimously agree and resolve to Sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes at Your Majesties Feet, in the defence of your most Sacred Person, your Lawful Heirs and Successors, and that against all Your Enemies, of what Party or Denomination soever. God grant your Majesty a long and prosperous Reign over us, which is the hearty Prayer of,

May it please Your Majesty, Your Majesties most Obedient and most Devoted Subjects and Servants.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Noblemen, Justices of the Peace, Grand Inquest, and Freeholders of the County of Worcester.

W E the Noblemen, Justices of the Peace, Grand Inquest, and Freeholders of the County of Worcester, whose Names are hereunto Subscribed;

having fresh in our Memories the Calamities of the late Civil War, wherein so much Blood and Treasure was Sacrificed to the fears, jealousies, and mistaken Zeal of some Men, to the Ambition and hoped for Interest of others, who being ever ready to misrepresent their Prince in Court, His Speeches in Parliament, and Declaration abroad, to His mis-guided and unwary People, till they had kindled that flame of Rebellion, not totally extinct till Your Majesties happy Restauration; that we may not deserve the Character of unthinking Men, to let the same Cheat pass upon us twice in one age; have with all seriousness considered Your Majesties Gracious Declaration of the 8th of April 1681. and to our infinite joy and satisfaction, do find Your Majesties Resolution to Govern by the known Laws, to Defend our Religion and Property as by Law established, and to redress the Grievances of all your good Subjects, whether in Parliament or out; though we are as confident of Your Majesties Paternal Care and Loveto us, as we are assured of our own Filial Obedience (being the mutual obligations between a Prince and his People) which no jealousy ought to destroy, or good Men to doubt of; yet to stop the Mouths of those unquiet Spirits of Popery and Phanaticisme, who endeavour to trouble the peace of our Nation, and bring us into those Fetters, we have so lately broken; We think it our bounden Duty to Justifie our selves in that Loyalty, always inherent to this County; and to Declare, that we do no ways distrust Your Majesties Gracious intentions towards us; but with all thankfulness do acknowledge the great Blessings we have enjoyed since Your Majesties happy Restauration, which nothing but the malevolence of Popery and Fanaticisme, supported by the subtilty of ill Men, can disturb; nor in the least doubt but that we shall be further happy by Your Majesties Industry, in extirpating the one, and suppressing the other; in preserving to us our Religion and Property, the legal Succession of the Crown, and the People in their due Rights and Priviledges. In main tainance whereof we do Declare, that we will stand by Your Majesty with our Lives and Fortunes, against any opposition whatsoever: and we doubt not but God will give a Blessing to Your Majesty, and to the hearty Well-wishers of the English Hierarchy and Monarchy.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of Your Majesties most Loyal and Faithful Subjects, the Citizens of Your Majesties City of Worcester, whose Names are Subscribed.

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T Hat we do at this day stand in admiration of the powerful hand of Providence, which miraculously delivered Your Majesties most Sacred Person (in the year 1651 in this place) out of the hands of Your Enemies who encompassed You round about, whose Power and Malice nothing but the out-stretched Hand of the Lord of Hosts could vanish and assuage; and he that is mighty did not then only deliver you, but put you as a Signet on his Right Hand and (with no less wonder) after your long Exile brought you back again, and placed you in the Throne of Your Fathers without the shedding of one drop of Blood: By which we and all other Your Majesties Subjects were freed from Tyrannical Power and Oppression. These Gracious Dispensations of Providence are a clear Indication

cation to us that the Almighty hath stamped a Character upon Your Majesty for some signal Monument of GOOD and GREAT, which we cannot otherwise read and interpret. Your Majesties late Declaration committed to all your Subjects Eyes and Thoughts, is an Epitome of Your Majesties Grace and Candor towards us, in Ruling and Governing us by the Laws of the Land, and not to exercise over us Arbitrary Power in your self, or permit it in others. We do therefore with all imaginable gratitude return Your Majesty our humble and hearty thanks for this Your Majesties Gracious Declaration, published to the World; and do hereby declare in the presence of God and Men, That we are Resolved to hazard our Lives and Fortunes in the Defence of Your Majesties Person, your Crown and Dignity, in its Legal Descent (according to the tenor of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy) against all Opposers whatsoever. And we do further Assure Your Majesty, that we shall use our utmost endeavours in our future Election of Members to serve in Parliament, to present such as may be grateful to Your Majesty, Men of known Integrity and Loyalty, and well affected to Your Majesties Government, as is now Established both in Church and State. Thus in much Brevity, but more Zeal and Affection, we conclude our selves,

Your Majesties most Faithful, and Obedient Subjects.

This Address was Subscribed by 610 Citizens, whereof there are three Lords, and 43 of the Common Council.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of Your Majesty's Loyal and Obedient Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, Capital Burgeses, Burgeses, and Inhabitants of Your Majesties antient Burrough of Evelham, in Your Majesties County of Worcester.

WE Your Majesties Loyal and Obedient Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, Capital Burgeses, Burgeses, and Inhabitants of your Majesties antient Burrough of *Evelham*, in Your Majesties County of *Worcester*, being highly sensible of the happiness we enjoy by your Majesties Sacred Person and Government, and your Princely care of the Peace and Welfare of your People, according to the Laws and Constitutions of this your Majesties Kingdom, are hereby desirous to manifest to our fellow Subjects at home, and to the World abroad, the grateful sense we have of the benefits we receive, under your Majesties just and easie Government. And Your Majesty having been pleased by your late Declaration, Graciously to renew your assurances to your People, of having frequent Parliaments, and to secure our Religion, and in all things to Govern according to the Laws of your Kingdom; we do in all Humility acknowledge Your Majesties Princely Goodness, and beg leave to return our hearty and undesigned Thanks to your Majesty for the same, and with all Devotion and Duty do humbly profess and assure your Majesty, that with our Lives and Fortunes we will stand by Your Majesty, for the Defence of your most Sacred Person, the Rights of the Crown (as we are in Duty bound), and Government, both in Church and State, as is by Law established.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Bayliffs, Recorder, and Burgeses of the antient and constantly Loyal Corporation of *Droitwich*, in the County of *Worcester*.

May it please Your most Sacred Majesty,

Though we were abundantly satisfied with the Justice of Your Majesties Government over us, in Ruling us according to the Laws of the Land, (a more reasonable and equitable is not exercised any where amongst men) yet Your Majesties great Condescension in publishing your late Declaration, wherein you ascertained all your Subjects that you would not exercise Arbitrary Power over them in Your Self, or permit it in others, hath and shall for ever oblige us to return unto your Majesty our Humble and Hearty Thanks for this Your Grace and Candor towards us, assuring Your Majesty, that we cannot be tempted by any Specious Pretender: whatsoever, to forsake our Faith and Allegiance to Your Majesties Royal Person, or to Your Majesties lawful Successor, in the legal course of Descent, in the maintenance of which, we will (as one man) adventure our Lives and Estates, and in all Circumstances express our selves, (as we have always done in the Election of Burgeses for Parliament.)

Your Majesties most Dutiful, Obedient and faithful Subjects.

The Humble Address of the Gentry, Clergy, and Freeholders of the parts of Lindsey, and Kelewen in the County of Lincoln.

May it please Your most Excellent Majesty,

WE Your most Loyal Subjects, the Gentry, Clergy and Freeholders of the parts of *Lindsey*, and *Kelewen* in the County of *Lincoln*, taking into consideration the late unnatural War, with the horrid Mischiefs attending on it, and reflecting on your Majesties happy Government for these twenty years last past, under which the Law hath had its full freedom, the Subject his true Liberty and Property, and the Protestant Religion its due Countenance, and free Exercise; the continuance whereof is assured to us by Your Majesties late Royal Declaration, in which we read Your Majesties Gracious Resolution, to make the Laws the Rule of Your Government, and the Subjects due Liberty and Property the end thereof; and accordingly to call Parliaments as oft as they shall be needful, and to maintain and defend the true Protestant Religion, as it is now established by Law in this Kingdom; which we believe to be the true Basis upon which these Kingdoms Peace and Prosperity will be established: And therefore out of a deep sense of Your Majesties Goodness, Wisdom, and Care for the publick safety, we cannot but offer up our hearty Thanks to Almighty God, for the guidance of Your Majesties Heart to so pious ends; humbly tendering our Lives and Fortunes to Your Majesties Service, with a full Resolution to adhere constantly to Your Royal Majesty, Your lawful Heirs and Successors, according to the Sacred Obligations of those Oaths we have taken, and that Duty we naturally owe to Your Majesty. In performance whereof we promise our selves the Blessing of Almighty God, the Protection and Favour of Your Royal Majesty, the Countenance and Assistance of Your Loyal Subjects.

Subjects, and the mutual prosperity of Your Majesty and Your Three Kingdoms, which will be infinitely grateful to Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects.

Signed by about 1100.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble and Cordial Address of the Watermen (Freemen) belonging to the River of Thames.

Dread Sovereign,

WE Your Majesties most Obedient and Loyal Subjects, as in Duty bound, do acknowledge with all humble and hearty thankfulness, the great and many Blessings we in particular, and all the rest of Your Majesties Subjects enjoy, under your Majesties Benigne and Gracious Reign, not only for the confirmation of our ancient Liberties and Franchises, Granted to us by the Favour and Bounty of your Majesties Royal Predecessors, and your vindication of them for us, against several Opposers; But more especially, we with our most sincere and chearful Affections, do express our grateful acknowledgment of, and acquiesce in, your Majesties late Declaration to maintain the Government both in Church and State, as by Law established.

And we humbly beseech your Majesty of your wonted Clemency and Goodness, to accept our sincere Resolutions, joynd with our best Endeavours, to make all dutiful Returns of chearful Obedience, and steadfast Loyalty; assuring Your Majesty, that our Lives, and whatever else we can call ours, shall no longer be of settem with us, than they shall be useful to the preservation of Your Majesties Sacred Person, and all Your just Rights and Prerogatives, at home and abroad, and the Protestant Religion; against all attempts whatsoever.

And the great God of Heaven grant Your Majesty long Life and a prosperous Reign.

Signed by about 2000.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble of Your Majesties Deputy-Lieutenants, and Justices of the Peace, met at their General Quarter Sessions, held for the County of Norfolk, together with the Gentry, Clergy, and Officers of the Militia, in the said County, whose Names are hereunto Subscribed.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, most chearfully embrace this our first Publick Meeting, since your Majesties Gracious Declaration hath been Published, humbly to offer our most hearty and unfeigned Thanks for the same, whereby we are assured of all Safety and Protection, against all Innovations and Proceedings, other than are Legal, and agreeable to the ancient Constitutions of the Kingdom; And since Your Majesty is pleased (to the unspeakable Comfort of all Your Loyal People) to make the Laws Your Majesties Rule of Government, it laid an eternal Obligation upon us, to make them the Rule of our Obedience.

We do also with all possible Gratitude, own Your Majesties singular Wisdom, Clemency, and Conduct,

that we peaceably enjoy the Blessing of a Pure and Reformed Religion, as the Laws of Your Majesties late Renowned Predecessors have Established it among us, as it stands secured from the Tyranny of Rome, and the Anarchy and Errors of all other Dissenters, with all Satisfaction Acquiescing in Your Majesties Government, both in Church and State.

Whereupon with Hearts full of Loyalty, we assure Your Majesty, we do and ever will sollicit the Great King of Kings, for your Majesties Happy, Peaceable, Long, and Prosperous Reign; and with all Dutifulness resolve to second our Prayers with our Arms, if occasion be, in defence of your Majesties Person, Crown, and Dignity, against all Attempts whatsoever: Believing it the true security of the Happiness of this Kingdom, to have the Succession without interruption, continue in its Right Line, Religion preserved as now Established, Papists and Fanaticks equally proscribed. And to conclude, We desire no longer to have a being, than to manifest our selves to be,

Your Majesties most Loyal

and Obedient Subjects.

Signed by about 60.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The most humble Thanks of The Grand Jury for the Body of Your Majesties County of Derby, at the general Quarter-Sessions of the Peace held at Bakewell for the said County, the twelfth day of July, Ann. Dom. 1681, with the unanimous concurrence therein, of the Gentlemen of the Grand Jury of the Body of the said County, at the Assizes held at Derby the 25th day of the same Month of July, and of the Lieutenant Custos Rotulorum, and other of the Nobility, the High Sheriff, Deputy-Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and of divers other Gentlemen of Quality, and of the Clergy and Freeholders of Your Majesties said County.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majesties truly Loyal and Obedient Subjects, having heard Your Majesties most Gracious Declaration published among us, in our several Parish Churches, do as we are obliged, by the Sacred Ties both of Conscience and Duty, humbly present Your most Sacred Majesty with our unfeigned Thanks for the same, by which great Condescension to your people, Your Majesty, (though unaccountable to any but God Almighty, by whom Kings Reign) hath been pleased (to the full satisfaction of us, and of all Your Majesties Loyal Subjects, and for the quieting the Minds of those, who by the practices of ill men, were become unsteady in their Loyalty, through unnecessary fears) to Declare the Reasons and Causes of Your Majesties late Actings. And we do not with less Thankfulness acknowledge the constant and pious Care Your Majesty hath used to preserve those Laws and Statutes inviolated and unabrogated, that were made, and have ever been approved of by all good Christians and Loyal Subjects, as the Fences and Bulwarks of our Church of England, Religion and Properties, which we cannot yet forget, were so largely lost and gone, whilst the Monarchy of these Your Majesties Kingdoms was shaken off. And we bless God, and most heartily thank Your Majesty, that they are revived to us again by your happy Restauration, under your Clement and Benigne Government; and for those

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Royal Resolutions and Assurances, by which Your Majesty hath most Graciously promised to continue them unto us, and in all things to Govern according to the known Laws of Your Kingdom. And therefore next to our most humble Thanks, we do with our sincerest Duties, as a farther Testimony of our Obedience and Gratitude, present Your Majesty with a Faithful Assurance of our most submissive acquiesce in what Your Majesty in your great wisdom, for the Peace and tranquillity of your People, shall think fit to determine. And that we will at all times, according to our Oaths and Duties, most heartily, and with a firm and stedfast Loyalty and Affection, to the utmost expence both of our Lives and Fortunes, Assist, Support, Maintain and Defend your Majesties most Sacred Person, your Heirs and Lawful Successors, with the Regalies and Prerogatives of your Crown, and the Religion and Government both of Church and State, as it is now by Law Established, against the enemies thereof, by what Name or Faction soever distinguished.

And we do further Assure your most Sacred Majesty that we will constantly in our several stations, with our utmost Diligence and Endeavour, take care that Your Majesties Peace be preserved from Trouble and Confusion and our Country from a relapse into those disorders it was lately involved in, but by Your Majesties return to your Kingdoms, most happily delivered from, and in all our performances to approve our selves for ever,

Your Majesties most truly Loyal, Faithful and Obedient Subjects.

Signed by above 2500.

To the Kings Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the Division of Dickering, within the East-Riding of the County of York; and also of Your Majesties Honour of Pickering and Wapentacks of Riddal, and Bulmer, within the North-Riding of the said County.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects, do with all Humbleness and Duty acknowledge your Majesties great Goodness and Condescensions, in vouchsafing us (by your most Gracious Declaration) the knowledge of your Princely Resolutions, in Declaring to us that you will defend the Protestant Religion, as now by Law Established in the Church of England; that you will make the Laws the Rule of your Government; and that as you will not use any Arbitrary Power your Self, so you will not allow it in others.

And we have further to thank Your Majesty, that by your discerning Judgment and Foresight, you have prevented the growing inconveniences arising from ill men. We therefore do Declare, That we will (as by our Religion of the Church of England, and our Duty and Allegiance we are bound) Assist Your Majesty with our Lives and Fortunes in the preservation of Your Majesties Royal Person and Government, as now by Law Established; and also your Lawful Heirs and Successors. And we do utterly detest those unreasonable Votes, by which Your Majesty would have been reduced to a more helpless condition, than the meanest of Your Subjects.

And lastly, we humbly beseech Your Majesty that you will not impute the slowness of this Address, to a

rise either from any lukewarmness in Loyalty, or unmindfulness of our Duty, and that we may be accounted Your Majesties Loyal Subjects.

Signed by above 800.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Grand Jury, Justices of the Peace, and other Gentlemen of Your County of Gloucester.

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful, Loyal and Obedient Subjects, the Grand Jury, Justices of the Peace, and other Gentlemen of your County of Gloucester, do with all humility and Thankfulness, acknowledge your Princely Favour in this juncture of Time, declaring your Royal Resolution of Governing your Kingdoms, by the known Laws of this your Realm, as they are now Established, both in Church and State: In Defence whereof, and in Maintainance of Your Majesties Rights Prerogatives, we do by this our most humble Address, declare our hearty and Unanimous Resolutions to stand by Your Majesty, your Heirs and Lawful Successors, with the utmost of our Lives and Fortunes, And as in Duty bound, must humbly pray the Almighty God to grant Your Majesty a long Life, and happy Reign.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Lord-Lieutenant, Deputy-Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Military Officers, Clergy, Gentry, and Freeholders of Your Majesties County of Huntingdon.

Dread Sovereign,

Our natural Inclination besides just Gratitude, calls upon us at this time, to express in the humblest manner, the sense we have of Your Majesties Princely Goodness and Justice, which indeed all Your Majesties Subjects have received the benefit of, since Your Majesties most happy Restauration; this is so great a Blessing, that no Nation but this can boast of the like; which makes the attempts of Popish Factions and Seditious Men (whose whole business is to insinuate fears and jealousies into the minds of your Subjects) so odious and detestable, that all good Men have too great cause to believe their endeavours are to bring us into the same confusion which the late unnatural War (raised against your Father of ever Blessed Memory) brought this Kingdom into. And if those Royal Assurances Your Majesty hath been pleased to condescend to make, by Your late Gracious Declaration, do not make some impression on them; its apparent they can live under no Laws, either of Church or State, both which, to our abundant satisfaction, we perfectly enjoy by Your Majesties great Goodness and Clemency: and out of a deep sense and acknowledgment thereof, we do assure Your most Sacred Majesty, that we will all stand by, and assist Your Majesty in the preservation of Your Sacred Person, Your lawful Heirs and Successors, the Protestant Religion and Laws as now established, and the just Rights and Prerogative of the Crown, to the utmost hazard of our Lives and Fortunes, against all Popish and Phanatical Attempts whatsoever. And we humbly beg Your Majesties acceptance of this firm and steady Resolution of us,

Your Majesties most Obedient, Faithful and Dutiful Subjects. Signed by above 600.

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The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesse, and other the Inhabitants of Your Majesties ancient Burrough of Huntingdon.

Great SIR,

WE Your Majesties Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, having a grateful sense of the happy privileges which we enjoy under your gentle and paternal Government, and being deeply affected with the reviving Promises in your Majesties late Gracious Declaration, to continue our just Rights, to endeavour the extirpation of Popery, and to maintain the established Religion and Laws, against all the attempts of Arbitrary and ill Men; in a thankful acknowledgment of this your Princely Care and Condescension towards us; it is our hearty Prayer and Supplication to the Sovereign and Supreme Majesty of Heaven, that you may long live to be a publick Blessing to these Kingdoms; and 'tis our joynt Resolutions to stand by Your Majesty, your Heirs, and lawful Successors, in the preservation of its Crown in the due descent, to be ready to our Power to defend Your Sacred person from all violence and wrong, and to support Your Royal Prerogative, as the Guard of our Liberty and Property, and the great Security of the Peace and Happiness, and common welfare of the Nation.

The humble Address of the Aldermen, and Cumberges, Freemen, and Inhabitants of the Burrough of Grantham, in the County of Lincoln.

That great assurance that Your Majesty hath been pleased to give Your People in Your late Declaration, that you will Defend and Maintain the just Rights and Liberties of Your Subjects, and that You will both in and out of Parliament, make the Laws of the Land the Rule and Assurance of your Actings, and as much as in you lies, to make them do so too; and that You will frequently advise with your People in Parliament, and readily pass any Bills, that shall be fairly offered you in Parliamentary Way, that truly tend to the Preservation of our Sacred and Civil Enjoyments: All which your Princely Resolutions, as they are Indications of that unparallel'd Generosity and Goodness, that ever dwelt in your Royal Breast, so they are Matter of unspeakable Joy and Content to your People, and do strangely revive and refresh the Spirits of your truly Loyal Subjects. And we humbly conceive this your Majesties steady adherence to the Laws of the Land, and our present Establishments, must give Your Majesty the entire Possession of the Hearts and Affections of the Wisest, Best, and Loyalest of your Subjects, and raise in us an humble desire, that Your Majesty would graciously please to accept our most humble and unfeigned Thanks for such your Gracious Declaration, and that Your Majesty would believe, that as we have most readily upon occasions taken the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, so we resolve to keep them, in the most Christian and old Protestant Sense; firmly to adhere to Your Majesties Person and Government, and to your Lawful Heirs and Successors: Beseeching Your Majesty to accept of this unfeigned Address and steady Resolutions of Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Aldermen, Common Council, Free-Burghers and Inhabitants of Your Ancient Burrough of Richmond, in the North-Riding of the County of York.

Most Dread Sovereign,

WE Your most Dutiful, Loyal and Humble Subjects, the Aldermen, Common Council, Free-Burghers and Inhabitants of your ancient Burrough of Richmond, in the North-Riding of the County of York, whose Names are underwritten, do most humbly beg leave to present to Your Sacred Majesty, from our hearts, a more thankful acknowledgment for Your most Gracious late Declaration, than we can in any words express; whereby You have assured unto us, the preservation of our Religion, Liberties and Properties, that were all lately likely to have been swallowed up in monstrous confusions, if the special Spirit of God had not inspired Your Heart timely to prevent it. **Dread SIR,** For these and all other those great Blessings, which since your return to your rightful Government of and over us, we have in an extraordinary manner enjoyed, we shall (as we have just cause) Bless God and Your Majesty, and beseech his Almighty Power continually to assist you with the Spirit of Wisdom and Courage, to preserve the just Prerogative of your Imperial Crown; and the Succession of these Your Kingdoms in the right Line, and the true Protestant Religion as by Law is now established; whereby we may have confidence our posterities shall enjoy, by the Laws of the Land, what is due to them, which by that means only can be secured unto us; in defence whereof, as of your most Sacred Person, we do prostrate our Lives and Fortunes at your Majesties Feet, to be disposed of whensoever you shall please to Command. And we shall do our utmost Endeavours when ever your Majesty shall please to call another Parliament, to choose such Representatives for this Burrough, as shall take care in the first place to do what your Majesty Declares you call them for; that the greatness of your Power, and the strength of your Kingdoms, may be a terror to your Enemies, a support to your Neighbours and Allies, and all your Dominions preserved in Peace and Plenty.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of your Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects, the Grand jury of the County of Northampton, at the Assizes there held the 12th day of July, 1681.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesties said Dutiful and Loyal Subjects do with all Humility, give your Majesty our most hearty and unfeigned Thanks for Your Majesties most Gracious Declaration of the 8th of April last, and of those Instances of Your Royal Goodness and Condescensions therein expressed, and more especially for Your Princely Resolution, in preserving the Succession of the Crown in its due and legal course of Descent, in humble and thankful acknowledgment whereof, and sense of our Duty, we presume humbly to give Your Majesty an assurance, that we will sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes in the preservation of your Majesties Sacred Person (whom God long preserve)

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the Protestant Religion, Monarchical Government, and the Succession, as now established by the Laws of this Your Kingdom, against all Opposers whatsoever. And we humbly beseech God to give your Majesty a long and happy Reign, and that we may never want one of your Royal Line, so long as the World endures, to sit in the Throne and Rule over us.

May it please your Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Lords, Gentlemen, Clergy, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of Northampton, in testimony of our hearty concurrence to the Address of the Grand Jury above-mentioned, have herewith Subscribed our Hands.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Bayliff, Portreeve, Burgesses, and Inhabitants of Your Majesties most Obedient and Dutiful Subjects of the Burrough of Great Bodwin in the County of Wilts.

Most Dread Sovereign,

WE the Bayliff, Portreeve, Burgesses and Inhabitants of Your Majesties most Obedient and Dutiful Subjects of the Burrough of Great Bodwin in the County of Wilts, understanding with great joy, how Graciously your Majesty has been pleased to receive, and take in good part the humble Addresses from most part of this your Majesties Kingdom, we should be the unworthiest Persons living, did we not embrace this and all opportunities whatsoever to express our real Gratitude to Your Majesty for those unspeakable Blessings we have enjoyed since your most happy Restauration, before which time this poor Nation was in so distracted a condition, that we cannot but with horror and amazement, detest and abhor those wicked Incendiaries, who make it their business to bring us again into the same Confusion, under pretence of securing of our Religion and Property, as thinking the putting fears and jealousies into the Minds and Hearts of your Subjects, the surest way to bring their Traiterous Designs to effect; but we do assure Your Majesty, that we are so far from being wrought upon by those tempting baits, that heretofore deluded too many of this Nation; that we shall sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes, and all that is dear to us in the Defence of Your Sacred Person, Crown and Dignity, Your lawful Heirs and Successors, the Protestant Religion, of the Church of England, and the Laws as now established, against all audacious and rebellious Persons of what Religion soever: We humbly beg Your Majesties acceptance of this our firm and steady Resolution, from the Hands of the Right Honourable the Lord Bruce, as the least and most submissive acknowledgment we could make, for those Princely assurances; contained in Your Majesties most Gracious Declaration.

The humble Address of Your Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects, the Bayliff, Burgesses and Inhabitants of your Burrough of Ludgershall in the County of Wilts.

May it please Your most Sacred Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects, the Bayliff, Burgesses and Inhabitants of your Burrough of Ludgershall in the County of Wilts, (however otherwise mean) yet desirous to express our selves inferior to none in all Loyalty and unfeigned regard to Your Majesty, out of a deep sense of Your Majesties great Prudence, Justice and Clemency

in the Government of this your Kingdom, and your Particular pity on us, do with all Humility return your Majesty your most thankful acknowledgments especially for your Majesties late Declaration, containing so many Gracious and Princely assurances of our Religion, Laws, just Liberties and Properties, as much as the best of Kings could Grant, and the best Subjects wish, that none but Men of very ill Principles, have any other reason but to Bless God for the same; and that no provocation whatsoever can tempt Your Majesty to the contrary. Wherefore we shall with our utmost All (so long as we live) sincerely endeavor the preservation of Your Majesties Sacred Person, Crown and Dignity, your Lawful Heirs and Successors, the true Protestant Religion of the Church of England, and the established Laws, against all Popish and dissatisfied Persons whatsoever.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of Your Majesties most Loyal Subjects, the Grand Inquest for the County of Cornwall.

WE Your Majesties most Loyal Subjects, the Grand Inquest for the County of Cornwall, at the Assizes held at Lanceslow the 28th day of July, Ann. Dom. 1681. Most humbly present to Your Sacred Majesty this tribute of our Thanks, for those great Blessings we have ever enjoyed under your most Gracious Government; Your Majesty hath not only restored us to our Liberties, and preserved us in Peace, when our Neighbors were harassed in Wars; enriched us with the Trade of the whole World, whilst they were consuming their Blood and Treasure, but secured us in the purity of the Protestant Religion, maugre the subtil contrivances of her most inveterate Enemies; and we doubt not but the same matchless Wisdom, quickned by Your Majesties known Zeal to the Protestant Religion, and compassionate care of your Subjects, will make us good Provision for their future Security; for in Your late most Gracious Declaration, Your Majesty was pleased to give us Your Royal Word, that Your Majesty will continue to support the Protestant Religion, and to extirpate the Popish; to make frequent use of Parliaments, and to Govern by the Laws, the which we cannot disbelieve, without the forfeiture of our Reason, as well as our Loyalty: For the late horrid Design to introduce Popery by the Murder of Your Majesty, is as perfect demonstration of Your Majesties Integrity to the Protestant Religion, as humane Actions are capable of; Your Majesties continued Endeavours to prevent, and compose all differences betwixt the two Houses of Parliament; and the liberal disposal of Your Majesties Treasures, and shortening your Revenue for the support of Your Kingdoms (Your great Wisdom considered) makes it most evident unto us, that Your Majesty hath no other Design, than of Governing by the Laws of the Land; Your whole Reign not affording one single Instance of any Person deprived of Goods, Liberty or Life in an Arbitrary way; a Blessing no Nation besides can boast of: And although we are behind others in this verbal way of Acknowledgment, yet we will be second to none in hazarding our Lives and Fortunes for the defence of Your Majesties Person, and lawful Successors, the Religion and Government now by Law Established; being zealous to follow the example of our Predecessors, the memory of whose Loyal valour, Your Royal Father hath perpetuated to all posterity.

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The Presentment of us the Grand Inquest for the said County, at the Assizes, and general Goal delivery held at the Castle of Exon, on Monday the first day of August, in the Three and thirtieth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King Charles the Second, Anno Dom. 1681.

AMong all the late demonstrations of Loyalty, and the grateful Oblations of Good and Honest Hearts, with the most Loyal of whom we heartily concur in a faithful and pious sense of our Duty and Office, as we are the Grand Jury of this County, we think our selves obliged to present (as the source of all our Mischief) the growth of Popery, Faction, and Fanaticisme; we cannot but take notice in every part of the Countrey, of their restless Designs against the Government, and their too successful Attempts in disturbing our peace and quiet; and whilst they are permitted to meet in numbers, and to have their Houses (as it were Magazines of War) to the terror of all Loyal Men, filled with Arms; we who have already experienced their cruelty, have just reason to fear, and cannot think the Sacred Person of the King safe (whom God long preserve) and on whom depends the safety of us all, and especially since the discovery of the late horrid Plot and Treason against him, unless the Laws are put in execution, and their Arms seized; and we think none of our Laws too severe for such who will not live quiet under so good a Government; and we humbly crave leave to observe, that our Corporations and Burroughs, who have so great a share in the Government, are now the Nurseries and Seminaries of Faction, Sedition, and Disloyalty. We acknowledge our selves happy beyond any other people, in the excellent Constitution of Parliaments, whilst their Members are chosen by Honest and Loyal Men; but we cannot but think it an unhappiness to be Governed by those who have once already made us slaves. We therefore humbly desire, that all the Laws for regulating Corporations, particularly a Statute made in the 17th year of this King, for Restraining Non-conformists from living in Corporations, may be duly put in execution; So may our Gracious King, who hath known and felt the Barbarity of these people, enjoy many and happy days; and we under him all the blessings of Peace: and may there never want one of that blessed Line to Govern this Kingdom in an uninterrupted Succession, till Earthly Crowns and Scepters shall be no more.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor and other Inhabitants of the Burrough of Weymouth and Melcomb Regis in the County of Dorset.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majesties Loyal Subjects, being highly sensible of the great trouble Your Majesty hath undergone, occasioned by persons, who now

(thanks be to Your Majesties especial care) lie gasping under the burthen of their old beloved Commonwealth Principles, by reason of their disappointments, do heartily rejoyce to see the Eyes of many of Your Majesties Subjects, who were almost blinded by delusion, so far opened by Your Majesties late Declaration, that they are now (instead of countenancing) ready to give their aid to suppress any new Attempt to be offered at either, in Church or State, And for our parts do assure, that we will stand by Your Majesty to our utmost, in defence of Your Majesties Sacred Person (whom God long preserve) and the Protestant Religion, as it is by Law established: And also, that when it shall please Your Majesty to call another Parliament, it shall not be our fault if Your Majesty do not meet with such Loyal representatives from us, as may readily submit unto, and comply with Your Majesties Royal Inclinations.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesses, and other Inhabitants of Your Majesties Ancient, and ever Loyal Burrough of Axbridge, in Your County of Summerset.

Most Gracious and Dread Sovereign,

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, being sensibly affected with the great happiness, which we have always Possessed under Your Majesties Protection, do in all Humility beseech your Royal Goodness to accept of these our unfeigned Acknowledgments of the same. And whereas the restless Malice of some ill Men hath laboured to poison Your Subjects Loyalty with unreasonable jealousies touching Your Sacred Government (which we can neither harbor in our selves nor countenance in others:) as we believe that Your late Gracious Declaration is abundantly sufficient (if well considered) to suppress them all; so we do most cheerfully render our Thanks for it; being exceeding joyful, that thereby Your Majesty hath signified Your firm Resolutions to Rule us in all things according to the Laws of the Kingdom, to advise frequently with your Parliament, to maintain the Hereditary Right of Succession to Your Crown, and to use Your utmost endeavours to extirpate Popery. And we do according to the Oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance by us taken, most solemnly protest before God, and the World, that no Temptation whatsoever shall hinder us from sacrificing our Liberties, Lives, and Fortunes in Defence of Your Royal Person, Prerogatives, Heirs, and Lawful Successors, against all Domestick and Forreign Attempts to the contrary. And we do and ever shall pray unto God Almighty, to preserve long Your Sacred Life in Safety, Peace and Honour; that You may be always a support unto Your Friends, and a Terror unto Your Enemies at home and abroad. In testimony whereof we have hereto put our Hands, and affixed our Common Seal the 4th day of August, in the Thirty third year of Your Majesties Reign over England, Scotland, France and Ireland, &c. Ann. Dom. 1681.

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The Voice of the Kingdom.

The Second Part.

The humble Address of the Lieutenant, High-Sheriff, Deputy-Lieutenants, and Justices of the Peace, of the County of Cornwall.

May it please your Majesty,

W E Your Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects, Your Lieutenant, High-Sheriff, Deputy-Lieutenants, and Justices of the Peace of the County of Cornwall, do return our most humble and unfeigned Thanks for the Peace and Happiness we have, and do enjoy under Your Majesties most just and Gracious Reign over us: And particularly for Your Majesties great Condescension in Your late Gracious Declaration, wherein you are pleased to give us fresh Assurances by your Royal Word, that You will continue to Govern by the known Laws of the Land, use your utmost endeavour to support the Protestant Religion, to extirpate Popery, and have frequent Parliaments; looking on them as the best Method for healing the Distempers of the Kingdom, and means to preserve the Monarchy.

Although, out of an humble confidence, that your Majesty retains a favourable opinion, both of the past, and present Loyalty of this Your County, we have not been so early as others in expressing their our Thanks, and dutiful Acknowledgments; none shall go before us in hazarding our Lives and Fortunes, as our Duties and Allegiance obliges us, in the defence of Your Majesties Sacred Person, Your Heirs and lawful Successors, and the Religion and Government as by Law established.

The humble Address of Your Majesties most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, the Gentry, Clergy, and Free-holders of Your Majesties County of Glamorgan; And also the chief Magistrates, Aldermen, and Burgeses of the several Corporate Towns, within the said County.

Great SIR,

W E Your Majesties most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, the Gentry, Clergy, and Freeholders of the said County; and also the chief Magistrates, Aldermen and Burgeses of the several Corporate Towns within the said County, being sensible of the happiness we enjoy, under the blessed shade of

your Majesties Government, as now established by Law in Church and State; do in most humble manner return our unfeigned Thanks to your Majesty, for Your Majesties most Gracious Declaration, to have frequent Parliaments, and to use your utmost endeavours to extirpate Popery, and in all things to Govern according to the Laws of this Your Kingdom, as now established in Church and State. And we do hereby faithfully promise, to the utmost of our power, to assist your Majesty, your lawful Heirs and Successors, as in Duty we are bound by our natural Allegiance, the Laws of the Land, and our respective Oaths, against all Treasonable, Seditious, and Schismatical Practices whatsoever, if there shall any happen, (which God forbid.) And this we shall ever with our Lives and Fortunes make good; who pray for your Majesties long Life and prosperous Reign; and Subscribe our selves,

Dread Sovereign,

Your most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects.

The humble Address of us your Majesties Deputy-Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and Commission-Officers of the County of Glamorgan.

W E Your Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects, after the publication of Your Majesties most Gracious Declaration, do in most humble manner acquiesce to your Majesties most just Reasons for your Dissolving the two last Parliaments; We do from the bottom of our Hearts, render your Majesty Thanks for your so Gracious Condescension in giving Your Subjects Reasons for your so doing; when we acknowledge it your Majesties undoubted Right and Prerogative to Call and Dissolve Parliaments, according to Your Royal Will and Pleasure; and we rejoyce and lay hold of your most Royal Promise therein to Govern this your Kingdom, by the known Laws thereof, as now established in Church and State; for that we are thereby secured in our Religion, Lives, and Properties, both against Papists and usurping Phanatics. Your Majesties firm Resolution of not departing from what You had formerly Declared concerning the Succession of your Majesties Royal Crown, is none of the least signs of your Majesties Conscientious Justice and Love to the Peace of this Nation. We therefore hereunto subscribing, do humbly Declare, That we will adhere and stick to your Majesties Person, all your Rights

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and Prerogatives, and the support of your Majesties Government with our Lives and Fortunes; And now we pray that your most Sacred Majesty may have along and prosperous Reign over us, and that after you, your lawful Heirs and Successors may Sit in the Throne to the Worlds end. Dated the 8th day of August, in the Three and thirtieth year of your Majesties Reign.

The humble Address of your Majesties Lieutenant, Deputy-Lieutenants, Officers of the Militia, the Justices of the Peace, Clergy, Freeholders, and Gentry of the County of Northumberland.

WE Your Majesties remotest, yet most Loyal Subjects, for ever confirmed in the fullest Obedience, and greatest Gratitude imaginable to Your Sacred Majesty, by our sad Experience and Sense of what we have suffered heretofore in our Fortunes, our Liberties, and the Lives of our dearest Relations, the Tragical Consequence of that most horrid Regicide, acted upon your Royal Father of Glorious and Blessed Memory, when we reflect upon those horrid Actions and Proceedings.

And having seen with our Eyes the late Endeavours and Practices of many Men of the same Principles, tending to the subversion of the Government of Church and State, never to be effected without destruction of Your Royal Person, and Your most Illustrious Brother, in which our Lives, our Liberties and Properties must of necessity be involved.

Now apprehending our selves preserved under God, next and immediately by Your Majesties prudent Foresight and extraordinary Care, we do with greatest Transport of Joy, and hearty Thankfulness, return Your Majesty our most humble and express Acknowledgment for opposing, with such incomparable Resolution, the Arbitrary and unnatural Proceedings against the undoubted Rights of Your Succession in the Person of Your Royal Brother; the greatest Example of Trust, Duty, and Obedience to your Sacred Majesty; And when Your Princely Wisdom shall think fit to call a Parliament at any time, and in any place, both which are intirely and absolutely in Your Majesties power, we will mainly endeavour that from this County shall be Elected such Members as shall not be tainted with Arbitrary and Common-wealth Principles, and such as shall duly consider Your Majesties just Demands, as their best Rules to concur with, as to Supplies of Money, or other Your great Affairs of State, so unreasonably obstructed by some Men in the late Sessions of Parliament; to the danger of Your Dominions and Interest abroad, and to the prejudice of Your greatest Concerns at home.

And being infinitely obliged by Your Majesties condescending to set out Your late Declaration to our full satisfaction, we clearly Discern and Confess Your Reasons to have been of sufficient weight and ground for Your late Royal Proceedings in the Prerogations and Dissolutions of the two last Parliaments; and humbly beg your Majesties Gracious Opinion and Acceptance of us, and our unfeigned humble Address; assuring Your Majesty, that we will to the last Mite of our Fortune, and Minute of Life, stand for the preservation of so good and gracious a Prince, and Your Royal Successors, (in the due course of Descent) Your Royal Prerogative and Rights of the Crown, the Protestant Religion, as it is now established by Law, and the known Laws of the Realm; and heartily pray for Your Majesties Life and happy Government.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Capital Burgeses, Gentry, and other the Freeholders, and Inhabitants of Your Majesties Ancient and Loyal Borough of Doncaster, in the County of York.

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, duly weighing and considering the great advantage we enjoy above other Nations, under the Rule of so Good, so Wise, and so Gracious a Prince, and the best of Governments, by Law established in this Your Majesties Kingdom, both in Church and State: And being truly sensible of Your Majesties extraordinary Care, and unwearied endeavours to Preserve and Maintain the same, against all the Malicious Popish Designs, and other seditious opposers of its Peace and Tranquility; Do think it our bounden Duty, humbly to acknowledge the great Happiness we, amongst the rest of Your Majesties Loyal Subjects, do reap thereby. And do humbly beseech Your Majesty, Graciously to accept of these our most hearty and unfeigned Thanks for the same, and likewise for Your Majesties gracious assurance given to us, and all other Your Majesties Loyal Subjects, by Your Majesties late Declaration; Which we in no wise doubt, having so often tasted, and so long enjoyed the Benefits thereof, under Your Majesties most Gracious and gentle Reign.

And though we owe all Duty and Obedience to your Sacred Majesty, and are bound thereto by the Obligations of repeated Oaths, yet a Prince is never so happy, as when His People serve him, out of a Zeal of Love, which we unfeignedly own; who humbly beseech Your Majesties acceptance of the tender of our Lives and Fortunes, being ready to Sacrifice the same for the Preservation of Your Majesties Sacred Person, Your Heirs and Lawful Successors: For whose long and happy Reign over us, we heartily Pray, and whose Government is so agreeable to us, that we can truly say without Boasting, we have neither in our Town nor Corporation, one Dissenter from the present Government of Church or State. Being all, Dread SIR,

Your Majesties most Dutiful, and most Loyal Subjects and Servants.

Signed by above 400, and Presented to his Majesty by Sir George Cook, and Major Darcy.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the Seaport and Borough of Liverpool, in the County-Palatine of Lancaster.

Most Dread Sovereign,

WE Your Majesties most Loyal Subjects hold it our Duty, most Solemnly and Publickly to Acknowledge to Your Majesty the great Blessings which God hath pleased to vouchsafe us in Your Majesties steadfast adherence to the true Protestant Religion, during the time of your unhappy Exile; notwithstanding Your many and great Temptations to the contrary; In your merciful Indulgence to Your Subjects at Your miraculous Restauration; in Your having maintained our said Religion with our Civil Liberty and Property by Law established; and Lastly, in assuring us by Your late Gracious Declaration, That Your Majesty will make the Excellent Laws of the Land the Rule of Your Government both in Church and State, and endeavour the Extirpation of Popery.

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In testimony of our thankfulness to God and Your Majesty, for these great Blessings and Favours: We most humbly and cordially engage our selves, with the hazard of our Lives and Fortunes (as both by our natural and sworn Allegiance we are bound) to Defend and Maintain Your Majesties Royal Person, Heirs, and lawful Successors, Crown and Dignity, against all Popish Contrivances and other Devices whatsoever, praying for Your Majesties long and peaceable Reign, and everlasting happiness hereafter.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Mayor, Magistrates, and other the Inhabitants of the Burrough of *Warham*, in the County of *Dorset*.

Dead Sovereign,

NOT the many Words, but the reasonable Actions of Subjects, express their Loyalty to their Prince, the Sense whereof maketh us humbly to Lodge this Address at Your Majesties Feet; Assuring Your Majesty, that in these few Lines there is comprehended that faithful Obedience which Divinity Commandeth, and as much as Humanity can pay.

And thus we do most sincerely Profess with all possible Gratitude, from that assurance which Your Majesty hath given us by your late Declaration of maintaining our Religion as it is now established, and our Rights and Privileges, as they are now enjoyed; for which, whilst we live, we will serve Your Majesty and Your lawful Successors to the utmost, against all rebellious Opposers; and when we die, we will as much as in us lyeth, Entail our Allegiance on those that shall succeed us, that our Childrens Children in their first Language may say, and pray,

God save the KING.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Capital Burgesses of the Burrough of *Wooten Bassett*, in the County of *Wilt*.

WE your Majesties most Dutiful, Loyal, and Obedient Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and capital Burgesses of the Burrough of *Wooten Bassett*, in the County of *Wilt*, being highly sensible of the great happiness which this Kingdom hath enjoyed ever since Your Majesties happy Restauration, under Your Majesties most Gracious Government and Protection, and of your Princely care for the preservation of our Lives, Liberties, and Religion, as now by Law established do with all possible Gratitude, humbly beg your Majesties Gracious Acceptance of our most hearty, and unfeigned Thanks, for Your Majesties most Gracious Declaration concerning the Reasons of your Dissolutions of the Two last Parliaments, and your Royal Resolutions to maintain the true Protestant Religion, as it is now by Law established: And we heartily wish we had been the first in this our Loyal Address to your Majesty, as becomes us (especially in Gratitude) for those great Favours and Privileges your Majesty hath been Graciously pleased to confer on us of this ancient Burrough and Corporation. And although it comes not so early as it ought to have done, yet it is with this humble and dutiful assurance from us, that our Lives and Fortunes stand at your Majesties disposal for preservation of your Royal Person, Crown and Government, your lawful Successors, and the true Protestant Religion, against all Opposers whatsoever. And in testimony of our unanimous

concurrence to what we have here Declared, we have hereunto affixed our Common Seal at *Wooten Bassett* as foresaid, this 4th day of *August*, in the Three and thirtieth year of your Majesties most Gracious Reign; and in the year of our Lord, One thousand six hundred eighty and One.

The humble Address of the Lieutenants, Deputy Lieutenants, with the rest of the Officers of your Majesties Militia for the County of *Essex*.

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WE Your Majesties Lieutenants, Deputy-Lieutenants, with the rest of the Officers of your Majesties Militia for the County of *Essex*, being Your Majesties most Loyal Subjects think it our Duty in these distracted times, to return Your Majesty our humble Thanks for Your Majesties Gracious Declaration; and to assure your Majesty, that we will stand by your Majesty with our Lives and Fortunes, in the Defence of your Majesty, Your lawful Successors, the Protestant Religion, and the Laws as now established.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Burrough of *Thetford* in the County of *Norfolk*.

WE the Mayor, Burgesses and Commoners of Your Majesties ancient Borough of *Thetford* in the County of *Norfolk*, well-knowing our Corporation (as all others in Your Dominions) by your Original Constitutions, and Your Majesties Gracious sufferance, to be Your own Creatures, and therefore more particularly obliged upon all occasions to manifest our selves Your Grateful and Obedient Subjects.

In this hush season of Faction and Division, do beg leave to make this Humble and Religious tender of our Hearts and Duties to Your Sacred Majesty; Recording our perpetual Thanks and Praise to God Almighty and Your Self, for Your timely checking that Spirit of Insurrection, which so lately overrun us, with such horrid Murder, and so great Confusion; And for Your Declared and steady Resolution to observe and maintain our Laws and Religion; which Declaration cannot but settle the Hearts, and satisfy the Minds of all Your People, who do not design a second Harvest in the Ruins of Your Kingdom.

The Laws alone being the security of our Lives and Properties, those Laws which have so well established Your Majesties just Prerogative, confirmed the Line of true Succession to the Crown, and so well distinguished Your Peoples Rights and Privileges, and under which so many Ages have continued in a course of happiness.

May it please Your Majesty, we are sensible enough You are the Life and Prop of all those Laws; And we do hereby solemnly bind our Lives and Fortunes to the Lifeguard of Your Majesties Royal Person, and just Rights, and to a constant ready Obedience to Your Majesties Commands, without disputings or expostulations: And we humbly beg, though this Address come late it may not abate Your Majesties Gracious Acceptance of us Your Loyal Subjects, who are resolute in our Endeavours to overtake the earliest with our Actions; and shall always account our Duty to Your Majesty, nearer to us then our own blood.

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To the Kings most excellent Majesty.

*The Humble Address of the Bailiffs and Freemen of your
Majesties ancient Corporation, and Town of
Kingston upon Thames.*

Most Gracious and Dread Sovereign,

VVE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, being truly sensible of the great Happiness, Ease, and Tranquility, which We, and all other your Majesties Subjects, have enjoyed under your most just and quiet Government, since your most blessed Restauration; and also of those new Assurances in your Majesties late Declaration, wherein your Majesty is most Graciously pleased to condescend again to discover unto us Your Majesties most Royal Intentions and Resolutions to preserve and maintain the Protestant Religion now established, the Liberty and Property of Your Subjects, to have frequent Parliaments, to use your Majesties utmost endeavours to extirpate Popery, and in all things to Govern according to the known Laws of your Kingdom; do therefore with hearts fill'd with all Joy, Loyalty, and Sincerity, render unto Your most Sacred Majesty, our most humble, hearty, and unfeigned Thanks: And we do heartily, faithfully, and sincerely assure your Sacred Majesty, that we will always be ready in all Duty and Loyalty, to aid, assist and defend your Majesties most Sacred Person, your Heirs and lawful Successors, with our Lives and Fortunes, against all oppositions whatsoever. And although we are the last of your Majesties Subjects that have made this acknowledgment of our Duty, yet we do assure your most Sacred Majesty, that none is before us in Loyalty and Obedience, being at all times zealous and ready to approve our Selves, Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects,

*Signed, by 139 of the Freemen of that Corporation,
and by several Justices of the Peace, inhabiting
near the same.*

The humble Address of the University of Cambridge.

Sacred S I R,

VVE Your Majesties most Faithful and Obedient Subjects of the University of Cambridge, have long, with the greatest and sincerest joy, beheld, what we hope is in some measure an effect of our own Prayers; the generous Emulation of our Fellow Subjects contending who should first and best express their Duty and Gratitude to their Sovereign at this time especially, when the seditious Endeavours of unreasonable Men have made it necessary to assert the ancient Loyalty of the English Nation, and make the World sensible, that we do not degenerate from those prime Glories of our Ancestors, Love and Allegiance to our Prince.

That we are not seen in those Loyal Crowds, but chose rather to stand by and applaud their Honest and Religious Zeal; we humbly presume will not be imputed to the want of it in our selves, either by Your Majesty or your People. For, S I R, it is (at present) the great Honour of this your University, not only to be steadfast and constant in our Duty, but to be eminently so, and to suffer for it, as much as the Calumnies and Reproaches of Factions and Malicious Men can inflict upon us: And that they have been hitherto able to do no more than vent the venom of their Tongues; that they have not proceeded to Plunder and Sequestration; to violate our Chappels, rife our Libraries, and empty our Colleges, as once they did; Next to the over-ruling

Providence of Almighty God, is only due to the Royal Care and Prudence of your most Sacred Majesty, who gave so seasonable a check to their Arbitrary and Insolent undertakings.

But no earthly Power we hope, no Menaces or Misery, shall ever be able to make us renounce, or forget our Duty. We will still believe and maintain, That our Kings derive not their Titles from the People, but from God; that to him only they are accountable, that it belongs not to Subjects, either to Create or Censure, but to Honour and Obey their Sovereign, who comes to be so, by a Fundamental Hereditary Right of Succession, which no Religion, no Law, no Fault or Forfeiture can alter or diminish.

Nor will we ever abate of our well-instructed Zeal for our most Holy Religion, as it is professed, and by Law established in the Church of England; that Church which hath so long stood, and still is the Envy and Terror of her Adversaries, as well as the Beauty and Strength of the Reformation.

It is thus, Dread Sir, That we have Learned our own, and thus we teach others their Duty to God and to the King; in the conscientious discharge of both which, we have been so long protected and encouraged by Your Majesties Just and Gracious Government; that we neither need nor desire any other Declaration, then that experience for our Assurance and Security for the future.

In all which Grace and Goodness, Great Sir, we have nothing to return; we bring no Names and Souls, no Lives and Fortunes, well capable of your Majesties Service, or at all worthy of Your acceptance; nothing but Hearts and Prayers, Vows of a zealous and lasting Loyalty; our Selves and Studies, all that we can, or ever shall be able to perform, which we here most sincerely promise, and most humbly tender at Your Majesties Feet; a mean and a worthless Present; but such an one as we hope will not be disdained by the most Gracious and Indulgent Prince, that Heaven ever bestowed upon a People.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The most humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Bayliffs, Burgesses, and other Inhabitants of Your Majesties Corporation of Cheeping Wicomb in the County of Bucks.

May it please your most Sacred Majesty,

Most of our late Defeated Politicians, disappointed of their dark Designments by Your Majesties profound Wisdom, and Divine Provision, have endeavoured to disparage all Loyal Addressers, either as Useless and Insignificant, or as Discountenanced and Unregarded, and that the Glut of them doth cloy, and Surfeit, rather than satisfy Your Majesty.

Notwithstanding these fly projected Discouragements, we have always cordially desired, and rejected them; together with their own exploded, scanty, and forsaken Abettors: And have ever inserted our Loyal selves, amongst the Resolute, Grave, and Deliberate Persons; and do most highly applaud the stout Fidelities, the strenuous, Brave, and Valiant Youth, of this Your now much undeluded Nation.

We therefore Your Majesties most Dutiful, and most Devoted Subjects, entirely Profess that we will, to the utmost stress of our Sincere; to the latest gasp of our Lives, and the last solitary Mite in our Coffers, adhere to Your Majesty.

And we beseech Your Majesties most Gracious Acceptance of our most humble and unfeigned Thankfulness, for
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all Your Majesties most Princely Purposes, comprized in Your Majesties most Gracious Declaration: Your Royal Resolves for frequent Parliaments, your most pious Intentions to perpetuate the Protestant Religion amongst us; to continue your equal Government in Church and State, by the Laws established, and the legal (though we hope in God, the many years remote and distant) Descent of your Royal Diadem.

Many have out-strip us in the Wing, but none shall exceed us in their wishes; we envy much their more early Apply; but none shall ever appear more Faithful; though many in this, have been more fortunate.

God preserve your Majesty from all Rebellious Machinations. Amen.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Gentry, Clergy, Citizens and Inhabitants of Your Majesties ancient City of York, and County of the same.

WE Your Majesties most Loyal Subjects, the Gentry, Clergy, Citizens and Inhabitants of Your Majesties ancient City of York, and County of the same, whose names are here Subscribed, do (as in duty we are bound) render Your Sacred Majesty our most humble and hearty Thanks, for Your Majesties late Declaration, wherein you are Graciously pleased, to the full and indivisible fixing us in our Thoughts of Your Majesties Resolution and Endeavours, to make your People happy, in the due enjoyment of their Religion, as by Law established, their Liberty and Property, to give us the assured Testimony of your Royal Word for the same. And although this our Acknowledged Gratitude fall short in time of many others of our Fellow-Subjects; yet we shall not (by the Almighty's assistance) be wanting with the very first to testify (even to the hazard of our Lives and Fortunes) the Duty which our Allegiance obliges us unto, for the preservation of Your Majesties Royal Person, Crown and Dignity, against all Opposers whatsoever; and for the continuance of the Government in your Majesties Royal Family, according to the Constitution and established Laws of England; praying for your Majesties long and happy Reign over us.

Signed by between 13 and 1400 persons.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Grand Jury of the Great Sessions held for the County of Merioneth, the 8th day of August, 1681.

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Taking notice of many Addresses of late presented Your Majesty from other parts of the Kingdom, we thought our selves also obliged to render to your Majesty this Testimony of our Submission and Gratitude, for your late Gracious Declaration, wherein your Majesty is pleased to signify your Majesties Resolution to have frequent Parliaments; and both in and out of Parliaments, to use your Majesties utmost endeavours to extirpate Popery, and to redress Grievances according to the Laws of this Kingdom; and at this time we judge it not only decent but necessary to come in with others our fellow Subjects, in an united voice of Obedience and Thankfulness for your Majesties constant care in preserving the Government, the Liberty and Property of your Majesties Subjects, from being imposed upon by Arbitrary Powers, the established Religion, and the

Peace of your Majesties Dominions; and for your Majesties Royal Favour to these Countreys, in passing the late Act against the Importation of Irish Cattle. From the sense of all these Enjoyments, as we bless God for your Majesty, so we resolve with our Lives and Fortunes, and all that is dear to us, to stand by your Majesty to the utmost extremity, and according to the Conscience of that Duty, which by the Laws of God, and the Laws of the Land we owe to your Majesty, as our Gracious King and Sovereign, we do intirely acquiesce under your Majesties Government, and pray for your Majesties long and happy Reign over us.

To the Kings most Sacred Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgeses of Your Majesties ancient and Loyal Town or Burrough of Wallingford.

Most Dread Sovereign,

WE your Majesties most Loyal Subjects, out of a deep and true Repentment of your Majesties most constant and unwearied Care and Resolutions to suppress Popery, and maintain the true Protestant Orthodox Religion, as now established by Law in the Church of England, to exterminate all Arbitrary Rule and Proceedings, and to govern your Subjects according to the known Laws of this your Majesties Realm, as it is at large expressed by your Majesties most Gracious Speech to your last Parliament holden at Oxford, and in your Majesties most Gracious Declaration since; Do therefore in all Humility, return your most Sacred Majesty our most humble and unfeigned Thanks; and that though we have been more Supine to make these our acknowledgments than some others of your Majesties Subjects; Yet do we most humbly beseech your Majesty, to be assured that none shall be more forward than we to give those Testimonies (we are able) of our Loyalty and Fidelity towards your Majesties Gracious Person and Government, and in the preservation of your Majesties Crown and Dignity, with all the Rights and Prerogatives thereunto belonging, and the Succession in the true Line. And (as in Duty bound) we (as our Predecessors) shall not only be ready to stand by your Majesty and lawful Successors with our Lives and Fortunes; but shall ever continue to pray to the Great God of Heaven (who hath hitherto miraculously preserved your Majesty from the Plots and Machinations of unreasonable Men) to continue your Majesties preservation in Peace and long Reign here, and to Crown your Majesty with Eternal Bliss and Immortality hereafter; and in testimony hereof we have unanimously agreed to put the Common-Seal of the Burrough aforesaid, Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, &c.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Master, Wardens, Searchers, Assistants, Freeholders, and Freemen of the Corporation of Cutlers in Hallamshire in the County of York.

WE your Majesties most Obedient Subjects, the Master, Wardens, Searchers, Assistants, Freeholders and Freemen of your ancient Corporation of Cutlers in Hallamshire in your Majesties County of York, do with all possible Humility implore your Majesties Gracious Acceptance of these our most humbly and unfeigned Thanks for Your Majesties Graciously

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Declaring your continued affection to Parliaments, and Your Royal Resolution to endeavour the extirpation of Popery, and to continue to make the Laws the Rule of Your Government. And we do hereby presume to assure your Majesty, that as we are highly sensible of Gods immediate Hand and Protection over your Sacred Person; so we are no less Thankful for it, and the soft and happy Effects we have received by that Providence, under your Majesties Serene Government, ever since your so miraculous Restauration; and we most humbly beseech your Majesty to believe that (as well from Confidence and Duty, as the Reasons aforesaid) we will be always ready to assist and defend your Majesties Sacred Person and Government, your Heirs and lawful Successors, against all Opposers whatsoever.

Signed by 510.

To the KING.

Dear SIR,

Your Majesties Loyal Subjects of the Grand Jury, of this your ancient County Palatine of Chester, at the Assize held for the said County, Septemb. 19. in the 33 year of your Majesties Reign.

Humbly Addressing,

PResume to testify to God and the World our thankful Sense of your Majesties Princely tenderness and condescension manifested in your Declaration, dated the Eighth of April last; which very observably allayed the contemptuous contagion that began to infect the credulous and unstable; and confirmed your Majesties active care of the safety and satisfaction too, of your meanest Subject, in your constant pious Resolution, to preserve and promote inseparable (with the Properties and Prosperities of your People) the true Reformed Protestant Religion, agreeable to the Word of God, and usage of the Primitive Church, now professed in the Church of England, guarded by many necessary Statutes of this Realm; and to the further consideration of your several Parliaments, never omitted by your Majesty to be principally recommended, with whose Defence and Protection, under God, your Majesty is immediately in your Dominions intrusted; and in preservation whereof in Doctrine and Discipline, undoubtedly resteth the best support of your Crown and Dignity; because both her Principles and Practice Teach and Enjoyn, without contradiction, Loyalty and Submission to our Rightful Prince, whose Sacred Person (with all the just Rights and Prerogatives of this Hereditary Monarchy) we resolve to the uttermost to defend, against all Treasonable, and Seditious Practices, and Attempts whatsoever, striving to make all Retributions of Duty and Honour to the Memory and Posterity of that Glorious Martyr your Royal Father, whose indelible Love and Faithfulness to his People, and his acts of Confidence and Suffering for us, together with your own, cannot be exceeded, and should not be forgotten. 'Tis by your Majesties Sovereign Authority and Example, we acknowledge that all things are best in Tune, Arbitrary Power exploded; and the Royal Standard of Law and Right, is the prescribed Measure and ultimate Rule of all your Subordinates, to the secure happiness of every private Subject, your Majesties love of Parliaments, and the impartial execution of your Laws, as well in as out of Parliament, being a sure means to preserve your Majesties Person and Government in due Honour and Esteem, bringing the Wheel of Justice over

all invincible Offenders; whose stubbornness and witchcraft of Idolatry and Rebellion, turn all Acts of Grace into wantonness; although your Majesties Superlative Clemency and Mercy, in taking away both the punishment and reproach of former miscarriages, are sufficient to overcome the most inveterate Papist and Fanatick. Our boldness herein, for which we implore Your Majesties wonted Grace, proceeds not so much from the example of Men, as our just detestation of popular Clamor, and tumultuous rudeness, arrogating the reputation of Zeal and the publick Sense, to a second hazard of the best Constituted Government, and Reformed Church in the Christian World, by civil Dissensions, which are always most dangerous, as your Royal Father in His Troubles observed; when Religious Pretensions are made the ground of Faction, and the pretence of Reforming, becomes a vindication of Schismatical Audacity and Conscientious Disobedience; making us afraid to be twice deceived and destroyed by the same Methods: which your Majesties Declared Resolution, and the resolute Loyalty, and clear'd Affections of your good Subjects, will, we hope, effectually frustrate, and by Gods assistance preserve Unity, Peace, and Concord in your Majesties Dominions.

So we humbly and heartily pray, and that God who in all perils hath miraculously protected and brought you back to us, as to Sheep without a Shepherd; would still bless you from the strivings of unruly Men, with constant success against all your enemies, visible and secret; that your Reign over us may be long and prosperous; and that your Royal Race and lawful Heirs may adorn this Throne for ever.

We Your Majesties most Loyal Subjects of the second Inquest of the same County, at the same Assize, heartily and cheerfully say Amen, and join with the Grand Jury in this Address.

The humble Address of the Lord-Lieutenant, Deputy-Lieutenants, and Commission'd Officers in the Militia of the County of Suffolk.

Dread SIR,

THe Honour and Trust your Majesty hath now conferred upon us in our late Commissions, have not only created in us a fresh sense of the Duty and humble Gratitude we owe your Sacred Majesty; but inspir'd us with joy at this new opportunity we have to Declare them; May it therefore please you SIR, That with all due submission we offer at your Majesties Feet, the disposal of that Power you have entrusted us with; as also this unanimous assurance, that we shall never make use of it but for your Majesties Service, the Defence of Your Sacred Person, and the maintaining you in the Luster and Possession of all those Prerogatives, which we ever believed (but by the bold and criminal Attempts of ill Men, hath been since confirmed) are not more your Majesties Right, than the security of your envy'd Church, and the safety of our Beings; nor can we with less than extraordinary satisfaction, think upon the prospect we have of this Power through the Nation, which with your Majesties favourable Eye upon it, may be both Your Glory and Support; since surely none can receive those marks of your Grace, that will not equally engage in the Defence of Your Rights for them. Great SIR, for the preservation of the Protestant Religion, and for the maintaining the Succession in its due

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due course, We humbly offer you those Lives, and those Estates we can never hope quietly to enjoy, without the firm establishment of the other; and in opposition to all those, who would divest Your Majesty of Your Power, to make You a Glorious Prince, and our Church of its Discipline, to exalt its pretended Purity; We prostrate our Thanks, Great SIR, for the Condescensions of Your Gracious Declaration, which hath equally rescued the Justice of Your Majesties Proceedings from Malice and Ignorance: That your days may be long and happy, Your Line as ancient as Government, and your Eternity joyful, are the Prayers of
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To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Artillery Company of the City and County of Exon.

May it please your most Sacred Majesty,

WHEN your Majesties most Loyal Subjects, being duly sensible of the many Benefits we receive under your happy Government; and being well assured by your Majesties late Gracious Declaration, that you will continue them to us whilst you live, we crave leave to present your Majesty with our most humble Thanks and Acknowledgments, for the share we have in so general a Blessing, and think our selves obliged no less upon Principles of Interest than Conscience, to support that Authority, which hath so well provided for our Ease and Plenty, as to render us the happiest Subjects in the World; Indeed nothing could be farther desired to make us such, but what may perpetuate this our good fortune to us, and here your Majesty hath also taken care for us; for by having the Crown in its due and regular Descent, You have entailed Prosperity to succeeding Generations; Those Laws which secure our Persons and Properties, Your Majesty is pleased to make the measures of your Government; That Religion which our Saviour Taught, is by you both preserved and favoured; and that Discipline which the Apostles first created, is yet through your Majesties care preserved from the Sacrilegious Hands of violent and unreasonable Men; and since our Church hath two cruel Enemies that equally seek her ruin, the Papist and Phanatick, She hath this still to comfort her, that she hath safe in the Arms of so indulgent a Prince; we should be then much wanting in our Duty to your Majesty, and our Care for the preservation of so good an establishment; if we did not assure your Majesty (as now we do) that no plausible Pretences, on the one side, nor Menaces on the other, shall ever be able to lessen our Allegiance; and that we shall be always ready to appear in the defence of your Royal Person and Prerogative, Your lawful Heirs and Successors, to the utmost hazard of our Lives and Fortunes.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Single Men and Apprentices of the City and County of Norwich.

Most Gracious and Dread Sovereign,

WHE Your Majesties truly Loyal and Obedient Subjects, the Single Men, and Apprentices of Your ancient City of Norwich, do with all Humility tender our assigned and hearty Thanks to Your Sacred Majesty for the great happiness we and all others your Subjects have enjoyed under your Majesties most Wise and Gracious Government; and for your great Condescension (after the timely Dissolution of the two last Parliaments), in publishing your

late Gracious Declaration, touching the Causes and Reasons that moved your Majesty thereunto; At also for your Royal Resolution therein Declared, That you will tolerably Govern by the Established Laws, and make them not only the Rule of your own Sovereignty, but that you will indispensably prescribe them to all others, as their Rule also, thereby securing your People from the Arbitrary and Irregular Proceedings of their Fellow Subjects, of what quality soever they be.

We do also heartily and joyfully acknowledge to your Majesty, that notwithstanding the cunning and malicious insinuations of evil Men; and the incessant clamour and noise they have made for Religion, Liberty, and Property; it is by your Majesties sole Wisdom, Care and Courage (under God) that all these are yet secured to us, against the secret frauds, and more open practices and violence of those who would once again endeavour to under the pretence of greater Liberty; and that we are thereby preserved from being again involved in our former or (if possible) greater miseries, which we are sensible have all along endeavored with all imaginable Art and Industry, by Men of the same dissolal Principles, and by the same treacherous and undermining Practices and Artifices, by which your Majesties three Kingdoms were so lately brought into Anarchy and Confusion.

Thus obliged, most Gracious Sovereign, by all the ties of Allegiance, Duty and Gratitude, We do humbly beg leave to Declare to Your Majesty, and the whole World, that we will with Constancy, Faithfulness and Resolution, defend your Sacred Person, your Government in Church and State, as now by Law established, Your Royal Prerogative, and Your lawful Heirs and Successors, with the utmost expence of our Blood and Fortunes, against all opposition, either from Papists or Presbyterians, and their seditious Adherents, of what persuasion soever they be. Praying that all Your Enemies may be Subjects under your Royal Feet; That Your Majesties Reign over us may be Long, Prosperous, and Glorious; and that the Imperial Crown of these Realms may be continued to Your Heirs and Successors in a right Line after you, until Time and humane Government shall be so wile. Signed by 2057.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Magistrates, Freeman, and chief Inhabitants of Your Majesties Burrough, and ancient Corporation of Totnes, in the County of Devon.

WHE Your Majesties most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, do with all humility return Your Majesty our unfeigned and hearty Thanks for Your Majesties late Declaration and Royal Resolution in maintaining the Protestant Religion, as 'tis now by Law established, and preserving the Rights of the Crown, with all its Prerogatives, and the succession thereof in their due Course and Line; most heartily acknowledging Your Majesties exceeding Goodness, and Gracious Condescension in Declaring against all manner of Arbitrary Government and Power; desiring with all Reverence and Duty, to shew to your Sacred Majesty, our most grateful Resentment of the many benefits we continually enjoy, under your Majesties prudent Government and Reign. Being deeply sensible of the Oppressions and Tyranny this Nation groaned under, in the late times of Confusion and Rebellion. And although many of your Majesties Good and Loyal Subjects, have earlier Address to your Sacred Majesty than our selves; yet we resolve and assure Your Majesty, that none shall be more forward or free than we,

we shall (with our Lives and Fortunes) to stand by, and defend your Majesties Royal Person, Heirs, and lawful Successors, and the true Reformed Protestant Religion, against all the Traiterous Conspiracies of disaffected Persons, and factious Republicans, who design the subversion of the best of Governments. And that all your Majesties Subjects may be truly sensible of the influences of your just and merciful Reign and Government; That Your Majesties Life may be long and prosperous, and that the Church of England may flourish under Your Protection, shall be the continual Prayers of Your Majesties most Dutiful, Loyal, and Faithful Subjects.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Owners, Adventurers, and other Timmers of the County of Cornwall.

W E Your Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects, the Owners, Adventurers, and other Timmers of your Majesties County of Cornwall, presume to prostrate our selves at Your Royal Feet, in an humble and affectionate Acknowledgment of your Majesties great Condescension, in your Majesties late Declaration, published by your Royal Command in our respective Churches, wherein you have been Graciously pleased to assure us you will continue to extirpate Popery, to have frequent Parliaments, and to Govern according to the known Laws of the Kingdom. We are very sensible of the tranquillity and happiness we have and do enjoy under your just and most gracious Government, and shall (with affection and zeal for Your Majesties Service Hereditary to us) be always ready to hazard our Lives and Fortunes as our Duty and Allegiance obligeth us, in the Defence of Your Majesties Sacred person, Your Heirs and lawful Successors, and the Religion and Government as by Law established.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The most humble and hearty Address of Your Majesties Dutiful, Obedient and Loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Recorder, Bayliffs, Aldermen, Capital Burgeses, Common Council, Freeholders, Freemen, and other the Inhabitants of your Majesties Burrough of Dorchester, in the County of Dorset, at the general Sessions of the Peace, held in, and for the said Burrough, on Wednesday the last day of August, Anno XXXIII Caroli Secundi Regis, 1681.

W Hen we reflect upon the miserable condition your Majesties Kingdoms were reduced to, by the Insinuations and subtle Designs of Jesuits, Popish Priests, and other pretending Zealots, their Instruments, and how God Almighty restored your Sacred Majesty: And your Majesty our Laws and Liberties, which ever since we have so freely and peaceably enjoyed; We cannot but in a more than ordinary manner some way suitable to such mighty Blessings, return our Thanks to the King of Kings. And being sensible withal, that the same designing persons or the spawn of them, are still too busie in prosecuting the like purposes by false suggestions of Arbitrary Government, endeavouring to alienate the Affections of Your Majesties Subjects, in order to the same Anarchical ends, which every good and Loyal Subject ought to avoid, and hath great reason to Dread and Detest.

We therefore Your Majesties Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, at this our first general meeting within this

Burrough, since your Majesties issuing your late most Gracious Declaration, do render unto your Majesty, our most humble and dutiful Thanks for those many and solemn renewed Assurances (which your Majesty hath been pleased in great Condescension to make us) of Governing by the known Laws of this your Kingdom, both in Church and State (the contrary of which ill men make it their business to suggest) and though we come late in these our most humble Acknowledgments and Thankfulness, yet none shall be before us in Loyalty; being unanimously resolved to hazard our Lives and Fortunes, for the preservation of Your Majesties Sacred Person, Your Heirs and lawful Successors, and the true Protestant Religion, as it is now established, against all Attempts of any designing Parties of what Principles soever they are. And we do assure your Majesty, that whenever in your Princely Wisdom you shall please to summon a Parliament, we will do our best endeavours to send such Representatives for this Burrough as shall be Men of unsuspected Loyalty to your Majesty, and of sound Principles to the Government, as it is now established by Law both in Church and State; and shall always pray for your Majesties long Life and happy Reign over us; and to our Prayers, joyn our utmost endeavours against all who shall attempt (which God forbid) to shorten the one, or molest the other.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The most humble Address of your Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects, the Bayliff, Recorder, Capital Burgeses, and other Inhabitants of your Majesties Ancient Burrough of Brideport in your County of Dorset, Subscribed at the general Sessions of the Peace, held in, and for the said Burrough on Wednesday the 17th day of September, 1681.

Dread Sovereign,

T hough we your Majesties most Dutiful Subjects look not back upon the black Designs, and Bloody Practices of the late Unhappy and Rebellious Times (which yet we cannot without Horror and Amazement reflect upon) yet the Review of those many and great Blessings which we have, under God, enjoyed, through the prudent Managery of Affairs by Your Majesty, His Vicegerent, for these many years past; may, and must prevail with all Men of Loyalty and Gratitude (as it hath done with us) to render unto Your Majesty most humble and dutiful Thanks: And since it hath pleased Your Majesty, out of Your most Gracious Condescension; publicly to Declare unto us, the cause of your past, and the intent of your future Proceedings, That they have, and always shall be according to the Law; We cannot but return Your Majesty, our more particular and hearty Thanks, not that there was in us any distrust of Your Majesties Administrations, but for the great and general good it hath done, by rectifying the misunderstandings of many among us: And we humbly intreat your Majesty not to look on our late Address, to be any neglect of our duty, in which Your Majesties Addressers will give place to none; And though others have had the Honour to go before us, yet we have had the happiness to have daily the increase of the cause of our Thankfulness; And may the Almighty God long continue Your Majesty in Health and Peace, and to continue it unto us; And do humbly assure Your Majesty, that Your Majesty shall never fail to have Assistants in us, for the preservation

of Your Majesties Person, Your Heirs and lawful Successors; and for the maintenance of the Government, both in Church and State as now by Law established; which Your Majesties Providence hath hitherto so well defended. And which it shall be our constant endeavours to send Representatives to secure.

The Grand Jury for the County of Brecon, at the Great Sessions held at Brecon, the 26 of September, 1681. Do Present,

WHereas an Humble Address hath been Presented to His Majesty, Subscribed by most of the Gentlemen and Inhabitants of the said County of Brecon, therein acknowledging their lawful Sense of His Majesties late most Gracious Declaration. We the Grand Jury, do Own and Assert the said Address (bearing date the 24th of June last past) to be an unanimous Act of the Body of the said County.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Grand Jury of the County of Glamorgan, at the Great Sessions held at Cardiff, the 13rd day of October, Anno Dom. 1681.

AS we Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, Deputy Lieutenants, and Justices of the Peace, Officers of the Militia, and other Freeholders of this County, have endeavoured in our former Addresses to Your Majesty, to evidence the deep sense we then had of the great Blessings enjoyed under Your most Excellent Government, and that ample assurance Your Majesty was pleased to add to the Confirmation of what we your Loyal Subjects always firmly believed; those grand Encouragements to Loyalty and Duty expressed in your late most Gracious Declaration: So we now serving Your Majesty under different circumstances, cease not to conclude our selves bound both by the Laws of Gratitude and Obligation of Mankind, to the continuation of such our acknowledgments, that the World may every day be more sensible of the Liberty we enjoy. Whilst free from Arbitrary Power in the Prince, and the more fatal Exercise of it in our fellow Subjects; we happily live by the means of the best and truest of Protestant Monarchs, secured from the Savage rage of a Spanish Inquisition, and the rigid severity of Geneva Reformers: we have justice so impartially administered, that neither the Guilty or Innocent have any just cause of Complaint. Wherefore we are unwilling to omit any opportunity of these our just Acknowledgments, but shall always look upon our selves in a ready and due Allegiance bound, and do faithfully and unanimously resolve to stand by Your Sacred Majesty, your Heirs and lawful Successors, with our Lives and Fortunes, in the Defence and Preservation of your Person and Government, as it is now by Law established, both in Church and State, against any Opposition whatsoever; desiring nothing more than to live Dutiful Subjects, under your best of Governments, and dye true Sons of the exactest of all Reformed Churches, the present Church of England, till then to evince our selves,

Your Majesties most Dutiful and
Loyal Subjects and Servants.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Lieutenant, Deputy Lieutenants, Officers and Soldiers of the Militia and Trained Bands within your Town and County of Newcastle upon Tyne.

May it please Your Sacred Majesty,

THe pious and unalterable resolution which Your Majesty hath made, and so amply Expressed, in Your late Gracious Declaration, to maintain our most excellent Religion, that of the Church of England, and the natural and tender Care You have always manifested of Your Peoples Rights and Liberties, do proclaim You to the whole World to be a Prince as Good as You are Great, And that it is Impossible for You to be otherwise then what You are, the best of Kings: We Your Majesties truly Loyal and Obedient Subjects, do humbly beseech Your Majesty to accept of the Tribute of our Loyal gratitude, for the Gracious Assurances, and Indearing promises You have made to all Your good Subjects, of Governing according to the known Laws of your Kingdom, and maintaining the Protestant Religion: And we do faithfully and sincerely assure Your Majesty, That we will endeavour to make all Dutiful Returns of Obedience and Loyalty to Your Majesty for these Your just and princely Resolutions. And that for the preservation of Your Majesties Sacred Person, Your Heirs and Lawful Successors, The Government as now Established both in Church and State, our Lives, and all that is dear to us, shall always attend as a ready Sacrifice; being very zealous to approve Our Selves, Your Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Grand Jury of the County of Radnor; at the Grand Sessions held at Presteign, the 19th day of September, 1681.

Great and Dread Sir,

After so many eminent Acts of Providence manifested for your preservation from the horrid and devilish Plots of Rome, and the sly perfidious attempt of the Factious and Seditious at Home, if we should not in some measure endeavour to express our sense of the Blessings we enjoy under Your happy Government, and make some offers of Thanks to Heaven, and Gratitude to You, we might deservedly be branded as the worst of Mankind; and in some sort be said to have fallen below the good Inclinations of Beasts. If to be Govern'd by known Laws, to have Liberty and Property safe; to be secure from Tyranny, and Arbitrary Power in the Prince, and the more fatal exercise of it in our fellow Subjects; if to have the best Protestant Religion own'd and asserted by the best Protestant Monarch; if to be free from the Spanish Inquisition, and the Geneva rigid severity; if to have Justice so impartially administered, that the honest live happily; and the Guilty fall easily, be not just Causes to raise us to the highest degree of Devotion to our God, and Gratitude to our good King, nothing under Heaven can make us sensible; and we may justly expect to be next awakened by judgments, who by our ingratitude have forfeited such Mercies; To Heaven therefore first as due we make our devout returns, and next our just acknowledgments, to Your

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Majesty, for those many Signal Blessings we share among us, to the Envy of all the rest of Mankind round about us. Go on prosperously under the Guardianship of Heaven, to extirpate Popery, and to break the power of Fanaticism and Faction, and thus once more truly deserve the name of *Defender of the Faith*. We for our selves, as by our Allegiance bound, promise and Vow with our Lives and Fortunes to stand by Your Sacred Majesty, Your Heirs and lawful Successors, in the preservation of Your Person and the Government in Church and State, as now by Law establish'd against all opposers whatsoever. In Subjection to, and defence of the best of Kings, we will live, and in the bosome of the true Protestant Church will we die.

*Your Majesties most Obedient, most Loyal,
and Humble Subjects, and Servants.*

To the Kings most excellent Majesty.

*The humble Address of Your Majesties most Dutiful
and Loyal Subjects, some of the Burgesses of Your
ancient Burrough of Barwick upon Tweede.*

Royal SIR,

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, Burgesses of the Burrough of Barwick upon Tweede, Incorporated and made one Body Politick, in Law enfranchised by the favour of your most Royal Predecessors; and endowed by their Royal Bounty with many and large Privileges and Immunities, to the great advantage of us Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects: The due Reflection and Consideration of which, and of Your most Excellent Majesties Bounty, in continuing them to us, exacts and commands our most humble Acknowledgements and unfeigned Thanks to the Royal Bounty of Your most Excellent Majesty and Royal Predecessors.

And although Your Majesties Grace and Royal Favour bestowed upon some ill Men, have produced contrary effects to their Duty, satiating and hardning their hearts and minds, even to the renting of the Peace of Your Government, by running into Faction, Schisme, and Rebellion; We Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects (truly conforming to Your happy Government in Church and State) having had the great experience of Your Majesties most incomparable Prudence, Justice, and Moderation, by which we have enjoyed our Religion in the Purity of its Doctrine and Discipline, our Laws inviolated, to the Peace and satisfaction of all Your Majesties good and Loyal Subjects, do with all sense of Your Royal Care of, and Bounty to us, prostrate our selves at Your Royal feet, begging Your Majesties most Gracious acceptance of our most due and humble acknowledgements of Your Prudence and Royal Conduct through the whole Series of Your Government, and giving Your Majesty our humblest and most hearty Thanks for Your Royal Condescension by your late Declaration read in our Churches, which hath abundantly satisfied us and all Your Loyal Subjects of Your great Wisdom in Your Proceedings of the last Parliament; and in renewing to us Your Royal assurance of persevering in the constant Care of us, our Religion and Liberties, and of making the established Laws of the Kingdom the Rule of Your Government.

And may it please Your most Sacred Majesty, we your most Dutiful and most Loyal Subjects, parti-

cularly obliged, do not from the Loyal Example of others, only approach your Majesty with this our acknowledgment of Your great Wisdom and Conduct, but from the dutiful sense we have of Your constant Care and Resolutions towards us. And though we are the least in number, we had not been the last in our acknowledgment, but that very Authority derived from your Gracious Majesty shall ever receive its proper Obedience and Duty from us. It is hence our Address and Duty is so late; for whilst that with assiduous Importunity we endeavoured to come to Your Great Presence orderly, with our whole Body and Magistracy, time elapsing, we could no longer forbear our part in the *Chorus* of Loyalty, but to evidence to Your Majesty that there is a Church as well as Kirke in Barwick.

From Your Majesties Princely assurance, we account our selves the happiest people in the World, and do resolve for our selves, as we are in duty bound, to Sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes in defence of Your Majesties Royal Person, Government, and Successors, in the due and natural descent according to Law, in opposition to all who shall by any means endeavour to invade the Rights of the Crown and Succession, or subvert the Constitution of our Church, as now by Law Established; declaring our open detestation and abhorrence of the Practice and Principles of our late Plotters, Conspirators; and Malignors of Your Royal Person, Government, and Ministers, resolving to acquiesce and submit, with all content and confidence becoming good and faithful Subjects, to the Conduct of Your Government, and to pray that Your Life may be long and happy, and that Your Majesty may Reign with that perfect and absolute Dominion in the hearts of all your Subjects, that You do in ours, and that your Enemies may be ashamed and Confounded.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

*The humble Address of several Commanders, Masters
of Ships, and Mariners of Your Majesties Loyal City
of Bristol.*

May it please Your most Sacred Majesty,

THough our Employments abroad deprive us of those warmer Influences of Your Government, which other Your Majesties Subjects do enjoy; yet even there we find Your Majesties Care extended for our defence, against the Enemies as well of our Religion as Trade; and we are as sensible of our happiness we enjoy at home, by Your Majesties Wisdom and Justice, in securing our Liberties and Properties from Arbitrary Power, and preserving our Religion, so that we do freely exercise the latter, and quietly enjoy the fruits of our Labours without fear of invasion upon either: Of which Blessings Your Majesties late Gracious and unparallel'd Declaration, hath given us fresh assurances; nor ever is to be forgotten Your Majesties Princely Compassion to us in particular, in graciously Condescending and Granting (upon the humble Petition presented to Your Majesty in Council by Sir Richard Hart Kt. our late Mayor) that the Money by Your Majesties late Briefs collected in this City, and several of the adjacent Counties, shall be appropriated to the Redemption of such of our poor Friends, Relations, and others, now in Captivity in *Argier*, as were taken Navigating from this Port.

These things, Great SIR, fill us with all grateful Resentments, and call for all the Loyal Acknowledg-

ments we are capable of making; which we are resolved to pay to Your Sacred Majesty, as far as our Abilities will extend; humbly begging of your Majesty to accept of this our Recognition: That we will on all occasions, with our Lives and Fortunes stand by Your Majesty, whom God long preserve, in defence of Your Sacred Person, Your Heirs, and lawful Successors, and the Religion as now established by Law, against all Your Majesties Enemies, whether Domestick or Foreign.

The humble Address of Your Majesties Lieutenant, Deputy-Lieutenants, and Commission-Officers of Your Majesties Militia, in the County of Kent.

Great SIR,

WE Your Majesties most Loyal Subjects, being truly sensible of Your Majesties most Gracious Declaration, and the Duty Incumbent on us; do most humbly Represent, That we with our Lives and Fortunes will Assist and Defend your Majesties most Sacred Person, and Successors in the Right Line, for the Preservation of Your Government both in Church and State, as now by Law established, against all Designs and Contrivances whatsoever; resolving to live and die

Your Majesties most Dutiful
And Obedient Subjects.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Gentlemen of the Grand Jury and Burroughs Inquest of the County of Flint, at the Great Sessions held at Mould the 12th day of September, in the year of our Lord, 1681.

May it please your most Excellent Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, being highly sensible of those many Blessings, both we and former ages have enjoyed under that excellent temper of Government, which hath been the Glory of this, and the envy of other Nations. And having not only by late Assurances, but the whole course of Your Majesties Reign, sufficiently experienced Your Goodness and Clemency; Do therefore with a true sense of your Princely Care and Wisdom in the whole Conduct of your Affairs, cheerfully Acquiesce in all the Methods and Proceedings of your Royal Government. And being well assured that nothing but the most active zeal of our Religion, and the most constant Loyalty to our Prince, can secure this Church and Kingdom; we shall be always ready to lay down our Lives and Fortunes in the defence of Your most Sacred Majesties Person, Crown and Government, and the Legal Succession, and the true Protestant Church, as now by Law established, against all Opposers whatsoever. We moreover, with the grateful sense of another benefit received not long before Your Majesties Gracious Declaration, by your passing the Bill against bringing in Irish Cattle; do in the hearty acknowledgment thereof, Humbly and Loyally Profess, that we have a great satisfaction therein, not so much in that it may enrich us, as that it may the more enable us upon all occasions to shew ourselves

Your Majesties most Dutiful, Loyal, and
Obedient Subjects and Servants.

We the Justices of the Peace, and Deputy Lieutenants of the same County, do heartily concur with the Gentlemen of the Grand Jury and Burroughs Inquest in this their Address.

The humble and hearty Address of the Grand Inquest of the County of Denbigh; and also of the Burgers at the great Sessions held at Wrexham upon the 5th day of September, 1681.

May it please your most Excellent Majesty,

WE your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, being highly sensible of those many Blessings, both we and former Ages have enjoyed under that Excellent Temper of Government, which hath been the Glory of this, and the envy of other Nations; and having not only by late Assurances, but through the whole course of your Majesties Reign, sufficiently experienced your Goodness and Clemency; do therefore (with a true sense of your Princely Care and Wisdom, in the whole Conduct of Your Affairs) cheerfully acquiesce in all the Methods and Proceedings of Your Royal Government; and being well assured, that nothing but the most active Zeal for our Religion; the most constant Loyalty to our Prince, can secure this Church and Kingdom; we shall be always ready to lay down our Lives and Fortunes in the defence of Your most Sacred Person, Crown, and Government, and the true Protestant Religion, as by Law now established, against all Opposers whatsoever.

We the Justices of Peace and Deputy Lieutenants of the said County, do heartily concur with the Gentlemen of the Grand and Burroughs Inquest in this their Address.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble and joynt Address of your Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects, the Grand Jurors of Your Majesties County of Montgomery, and of the several Burroughs Inquest for the said County at the Great Sessions, and general Goal-delivery, held at the Burrough of Llanellyn within the said County, the 25th day of August, Anno Dom. 1681.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE do in all Humility crave leave to Present to Your Majesty our hearty Thanks for your Gracious Promises in your Declaration; wherein You have assured us by Your Royal Word, that it is your Resolution to defend the Protestant Religion, as now by Law established in the Church of England, that you will make the known Laws of your Kingdom the rule of Your Government; and that as you will not use any Arbitrary Power your self, so you will not suffer it in others. We do farther, with all Gratitude acknowledge your Princely Favour, extended particularly to this County, in passing an Act, Prohibiting the Importation of Irish Cattle. We are very sensible of the Blessings we have enjoyed since Your Majesties happy Restauration, and peaceable Reign over us, and are ashamed that the wicked Practices of the Papists and Fanatics, should now make it necessary for us to express, that we are highly sensible of Your good Government; And we humbly beseech Your Majesty to believe, that our Zeal for Your Majesties Service, is as cordial and affectionate as any of our fellow-Subjects, though we have forborn thus publickly to Declare our Affections for Your Majesties Service, till we were legally qualified to do so (though we have been most scandalously misrepresented as Papists and Popishly affected, Whereas the Papists in our County

are very inconsiderable in their number, and most despicable in their Strength.) And therefore we do make an humble tender to Your Majesty of our Lives and Fortunes, in defence of Your most Sacred Person, and Government, Your Heirs and lawful Successors, against all Your Enemies, who shall endeavour to subvert Your Government, or the Religion of the Church of England, as now by Law established, the best of Governments, the best of Churches. That Your Life and Reign may be long and prosperous, and that on Your Head, and Your Royal Line, the Crown may for ever flourish, are the Prayers of

*Your Majesties Faithful, Loyal,
Dutiful, and Obedient Subjects.*

We Your Majesties Deputy-Lieutenants and Justices of Peace for the said County, present at the said Great Sessions, do heartily joyn with the Gentlemen of the Grand Jury in this their Humble Address, and Acknowledgment to Your most Sacred Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Justices, Burgesses, and Assistants of your Majesties Burrough of Twerton in your County of Devon, unanimously agreed to at a Meeting in the Guild-Hall of Twerton aforesaid, on the 8th day of August in the Three and thirtieth year of your Majesties Reign.

May it please your most Sacred Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful, Loyal, and Obedient Subjects, the Mayor, Recorder, Justices, Burgesses, and Assistants of Your Majesties Burrough of Twerton, in your County of Devon, do with the deepest Sense of Joy and Thankfulness, acknowledge and congratulate God Almighty wonderful Providence in Your Majesties most happy Restauration; and we cannot sufficiently admire the wise Conduct of Your Majesties most Gracious and Excellent Government ever since: under which, both the Kingdom and the Church of England have so long enjoyed, and do to this day enjoy the blessed fruits of Peace and Liberty, Property and Prosperity.

We do also make bold to tender to Your Sacred Majesty our most humble and hearty Thanks, for the many Gracious Assurances You have been pleased to vouchsafe to Your People, for the continuance of the same, in Your Gracious and Condescending Declaration; wherein your Majesty hath so plainly and fully Published Your Royal Intentions, to secure Your People from Popery; and the just fears of it, not to use Arbitrary Power Your Self, nor permit it in any other; to Protect and Defend the Church of England, and the true Protestant Religion, as it is now by Law established, and to Govern Your Kingdom according to the known Laws of the Land; and to express Your Royal Affections of, and Resolutions to have frequent Parliaments.

In Consideration of these unparallel'd Expressions of Your Majesties most Royal Favour, to the unspeakable satisfaction and joy of Your People in general; as also from a more particular Sense of Your Majesties late Signal Grace and Clemency to this Corporation, We do as heartily as any have done before us, or any an do, offer our most grateful and solemn Prayers to, Almighty God, for the preservation of Your Majesty Person and Government, and our Lives and Fortunes, with unfeigned Resolution to Your Majesties Service.

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The humble Address of Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Justices of the Peace, and the Grand Jury for the County aforesaid, at the General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace held at Monmouth, 6 Octob. 1681.

May it please your most Excellent Majesty,

VE offer up our most humble and hearty Thanks to Almighty God for his unspeakable Blessing bestowed upon us, by restoring Your Majesty to the Throne of these Kingdoms (the undoubted Right of Your Royal Family) and thereby giving back to all Your Subjects their Rights and Properties, of which they had been robbed by the violence of an unnatural Rebellion; under which dreadful calamity we had certainly perished, had not God visited us in Mercy, by sending the Day-Star of Monarchy to arise among us; at whose first appearance all those dark Clouds of Oppression and Rapine immediately dispersed, and all Your Majesties Subjects soon perceived the vast difference betwixt the Arbitrary Proceedings of Factious and Ambitious Men, and the peaceable Government of a lawful Sovereign, whose chief aim is the preservation of the Rights of His Subjects, and who makes the known Laws of the Land His Rule to Govern by; And as we do so, we hope all Your Majesties Subjects will seriously consider, that at the same breach when undutiful Subjects assaulted the Monarchy, at the same, entered in that deluge of Violence and Oppression, which for almost Twenty years overwhelmed and consumed these Nations; and had without all doubt utterly destroyed this ancient Monarchy, had not God in his mercy sent Your Majesty to preserve us, by reviving, not only our Civil, but our Ecclesiastical Government; under both which this Nation hath for so many Generations prospered and flourished; and without the preservation of both, we are fully satisfied neither can long continue; they being like the Brick and Mortar in the Building, whence if either be removed; the other will soon become a ruinous heap; And therefore we do with all Humility, lay our selves at Your Majesties Feet, and offer up our unfeigned Thanks and grateful Acknowledgments for all those Blessings of Peace and Prosperity, which we and all your Subjects enjoy, under Your Majesties most impartial and just Government; For your constant care, to preserve the Protestant Religion, the Peace of the Church now by Law established in this Nation; For Your Majesties great Condescension in your late Gracious Declaration, wherein your Majesty is pleased to give such assurances, as no dutiful Subjects expected or wanted; Your Majesties constant Method in Governing us ever since your Blessed Restauration, having given full satisfaction to all (but such as nothing will satisfy but having the whole power of Governing in their own hands) that Your Majesty designs nothing but the welfare of your Subjects: And we do most cheerfully acquiesce in those Reasons your Majesty is pleased to give for dissolving the two last Parliaments: And we do humbly hope, that as we, so all your Majesties Subjects, reflecting upon the miseries of the late Rebellion, and the happiness they have lived in for Twenty years last past, will be brought to an entire persuasion; that (morally speaking) it is impossible for the Subjects of England to enjoy their Property, and secure their Rights, unless the

the Monarchy be preserved, and the Government continued, as it is now by Law established in Church and State: Lastly, seeing that by your Majesties Wisdom and Justice we sit in peace every Man under his own Vine, as a reasonable discharge of our Duty and Gratitude, We do solemnly engage our selves with all that faithfulness that Religion can oblige Christians to, and Allegiance, Dutiful Subjects, that we will stand by, and preserve with our Lives and Fortunes Your Majesty, your lawful Successors, the Government, as now by Law established in Church and State; and that the Crown of Great Britain may flourish upon the head of Your Majesty, and remain in the right Line of your Royal Family, till all Crowns shall be laid at his Feet, by whom Kings Reign, shall be the daily Prayers and constant Endeavours of your Majesties most Humble, Dutiful, Loyal, and most obliged Subjects.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Noblemen, Justices of the Peace, Gentlemen, Clergy, Grand-jury, and Freeholders of the County of Stafford, agreed on at the General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace held at Stafford the fourth of October, in the Three and thirtieth year of Your Majesties most happy Reign.

Dread SIR,

W E Your Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects, having with infinite satisfaction seen Your Majesties late Gracious Declaration, wherein your Majesty hath been pleased to give repeated Assurances to Your People, that you will continue to Govern according to the known Laws of this your Majesties Kingdom; to Advise with your People in frequent Parliaments; to maintain the true Protestant Religion, according to the Profession of the Church of England, and to defend us in all our just Rights and Liberties, against all invaders whatsoever; Do in all humility return our most hearty and unfeigned Thanks, humbly assuring your Majesty, that we will readily sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes, in the Defence of your Majesties Sacred Person, your Heirs and lawful Successors, and the Government of the Church and State, as now by Law established, against all the Plots and Designs, both of Papists and Phanatics, and though others have appeared earlier in Addresses of this nature, none shall go before us in Zeal for your Majesties Service.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Citizens, and other Your Loyal Inhabitants of Your ancient City of Lincoln, together with the Bail and Clofe of the same.

May it please Your most Excellent Majesty,

W E Your Majesties Loyal, Dutiful, and Obedient Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, Citizens, and other Your Loyal Inhabitants of Your ancient City of Lincoln, together with the Bail and Clofe of the same, do humbly acknowledge to Your Majesty, that had we thought there had been any better way of expressing our Faith and true Allegiance to Your Majesties most Sacred Person, and our grateful Sense of Your Excellent Government, than a peaceable and quiet Appearance in our several Callings and Stations, an humble submission to, and acquiescence

in Your Majesties good and wholesome Laws, relating to the Government both of Church and State, and a readiness, as oft as Your Majesty, in Your Princely Wisdom judges it fit to call Parliaments, to choose such Members as we conceive to be perfectly Devoted to Your Majesties Service, and the welfare of Church and State, as now by Law established, without intermeddling with the Calling or Dissolving of them; both which we acknowledge to be Your Majesties undoubted Right and Prerogative; We had certainly been in with the forwardest of our Loyal fellow Subjects, in our unfeigned Acknowledgments of Your Princely Care and Prudence; and in returning our humble and hearty Thanks for Your Majesties most Gracious Declaration, wherein Your Royal Intentions to Govern us according to Law, appear so plain and satisfactory to us, that nothing but the unreasonable jealousies of ambitious, and evil-designing Men, can suspect the contrary. But since the many Loyal Addresses that have lately been Presented to Your Majesty, from most parts of this Your Kingdom, have in a manner rendered it necessary to make as well a verbal, as a real Declaration of our Loyalty; We therefore humbly beseech Your Majesty to excuse, and favourably to accept of this our hearty, though late Promise, That to the utmost of our Power we will defend Your Majesties Person, Your lawful Heirs and Successors, against all opposition whatsoever, and praying for Your Majesties happy Reign, and long Life, we have herunto subscribed our Names, testifying our sincerity herein, as becomes,

Dread SIR,

Your Majesties most Dutiful
and Obedient Subjects,

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Common-Council-men, and Freemen of Your Majesties ancient Corporation of Great Grimsby, in the County of Lincoln.

W E Your Majesties most Dutiful, Loyal, and Obedient Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, Common Council-men, and Freemen of Your Majesties ancient Corporation of Great Grimsby, in the County of Lincoln, being truly sensible of the Felicities and Advantages, we together with all Your Majesties Subjects, have enjoyed under Your Majesties most Gracious Government, ever since Your Majesties happy Restoration; when we also were restored to our Religion and Liberties, which by Your Princely Care is still preserved entire to us; Do with all imaginable Gratitude, humbly implore Your Majesties Acceptance of our unfeigned Thanks for the same; and also for your Majesties most Gracious Declaration, whereby Your Majesty is pleased to manifest to the World, Your Royal Resolution to support and defend the Protestant Religion, as it is here by Law established, and to Protect Your Subjects in their Legal Rights and Liberties; That we are not earlier with this our Humble Address, will not we hope be by your Majesty imputed to our backwardness or hesitation towards any dutiful expression of our Loyalty, when we have humbly beg'd leave to assure Your Majesty, That there is not one Member of this your Corporation who is a Dissenter from (that perfect exemplar of Steady Loyalty) the Church of England, And though we are late in our Applications, yet are we unanimous in our Resolutions, to preserve with our Lives and Fortunes your Majesties Sacred Person, Crown,

and Government, your lawful Successors, and the Established Protestant Religion, against all Opposition whatsoever: In testimony of our full and free concurrence herein, we have hereto Affix'd our Common Seal, and every one of us Subscribed our hands the Twentieth of October, in the Three and thirtieth year of your Majesties benigne Reign, and in the year of our Lord 1685.

To the Kings most Excellent and Sacred Majesty.

The humble Address of Your Majesties Loyal Subjects, the Deputy-Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Military Officers and Gentlemen, together with the Clergy of the County of Radnor.

Great and Dread Sovereign,

THough we are satisfied that we live in an Age when to express our constancy to the Crown, though by the most Humble Addresses, is by the Factions and Seditious look'd upon as unnecessary, impertinent and vain; because (perhaps) it doth too much speak our unshaken Loyalty, and detect their black and secret Crimes; yet with Hearts full of Joy with Souls wholly Devoted to Your Service, we do, with all Humility approach your Throne; and where we usually leave our Cares and Fears, and find ease, thither we think fit to bring our Gratitude, and the most submissive tenders of Duty; firmly believing, that as Crowned Heads can no where more safely repose themselves, than in the fresh Assurances, and frequent Instances of their Peoples Love, so neither can the Subject be any where more safe, more happy, or more easie, than in the steady Government of a good Prince, in a well temper'd Monarchy. That Your Majesty and all the World may see we want not just Causes for the strictest and most devout Acknowledgments we can make, we will beg leave to repeat with joy some of those Blessings that have rais'd us to this fair degree of Loyalty and Gratitude. That Your Majesty is not yet crowded into the Grave of Your Martyr'd Father, by the same, or (if possible) more villainous Arts; that we have a true Protestant Prince, and a true Protestant Religion; that we neither are under a Bloody Spanish Inquisition, or a rigid Geneva Synod; That the Laws are Your Rule, and that You will make them ours; That You neither do, nor will, exercise Arbitrary Power Your Self, or permit it in others; That Parliaments are so valued by You and shall be frequent; That You will neither Abrogate good Laws, or consent to new ones, that may endanger the Government; That You will extirpate Popery, discourage Faction, and Your Self strictly observe, and constantly maintain the Religion as now by Law established; That You secure our Property, and never yet attempted to invade our Liberties; that Justice is administered impartially, and freely, and Mercy held out, even to those that have scarce deserv'd it, or more than once forfeited their Titles to it, are Causes that merit rather an anniversary Thanksgiving to Heaven, and Thanks to Your Sacred Majesty, than such a weak and single Testimony as this; yet since we have no other way at present to express the just Sense of all those Blessings we enjoy from Your most auspicious; and happy Reign over us: We most humbly intreat Your Majesty, to accept this Free-will offering of our grateful, and enlarged Hearts, attended with fixed Resolutions to stand by Your Majesty with our Lives and Fortunes, in the preservation of Your Sacred Person, Your Heirs, and lawful Successors, and the Go-

vernment in Church and State, as now by Law established; And this we do unfeignedly, sincerely, and heartily, upon the Faith of true Christians, and Loyal Subjects, as we hope for the Blessing of Your long Reign over us here, or to be happy hereafter;

Your Majesties most Humble, most Obedient,
And Loyal Subjects and Servants

To the Kings most Sacred Majesty.

The humble Address of Your Loyal Subjects of the Burrough of New Radnor.

Great and Dread SIR,

THough we have not been so fortunate as to make our humble Acknowledgments to Your Majesty, as early as other your good Subjects have done, yet we know that we live under the auspicious Government of so Excellent a Prince, that hath always his Arms open to Receive, and His Heart full of Mercy to Pardon all that are not obstinately wilful, or notoriously Guilty; we have the misfortune to live remote from that benigne Influence that warms the Breasts of such as are placed nearer to the Rays of Majesty, and to this unhappy distance we have this superadded, that between us, and the delight of our Eyes, and Joy of our Hearts, our most Gracious Sovereign; several foul Fogs and dark Mists, have been rais'd of causeless jealousies, and needless fears; the Authors insinuating to us their great apprehensions, that Arbitrary Power and Popery were growing upon us (and indeed from some of our fellow-Subjects we had just cause to fear the first) but your Sacred Majesty in pity to our deluded Ignorance, by those emanations of Goodness, Mercy, and Truth, manifested in your late Declaration, hath enlightened our Minds, and enliven'd our Hearts, from whence flows this Spring-tide of Duty and Gratitude, and shall still do so while we have a drop of Blood in our Veins; for we are unanimously resolv'd to sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes in defence of your Majesties Sacred Person, your Heirs and lawful Successors, and the Government in Church and State, as now by Law established, against the Factious Schismatics, and Bloody Romanists: From thence, Heaven defend you still; may your Reign be long and prosperous, your Change late, and Glorious; so pray

Your Majesties most Humble, most Loyal,
most Obedient, Subjects and Servants.

To The Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble and unanimous Address of the Bailiffs, Sheriff, Citizens, Burgesses, Freemen, and others, Inhabitants of Your always Loyal and Obedient City and County of Litchfield.

WE Your Majesties most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, are very sensible that our present Peace and Happiness, are the Effects of Your Wise and just Government: And that no Comdescensions or Endowments have been wanting in Your Majesty to preserve the same, of which there is a continued and undiminished Instance, in Your Majesties late Declaration, wherein you are pleas'd to profess Your Princely Resolutions to Govern as the established Laws of this Kingdom; to defend the Protestant Religion, as it is now by Law established, and to advise with Your People in frequent Parliaments. In these Your Royal Promises, we fully acquiesce, and gratefully

by joyes, and with the Fellow Subjects and Neighbours, prostrate our selves at Your Royal Feet; praying to God for Your Majesties long Life and happy Reign over us. And we humbly assure Your Majesty, That we will ever preserve the antient and undoubted Loyalty of this City, and endeavour to Defend Your Majesties Sacred Person, Your Heirs, and lawful Successors, the present Church, and Protestant Religion, from the secret Plots, the open Attempts of either Papist or Puritanick, with the greatest hazard of our Lives and Fortunes. And though others have presented their Addresses more early, none have signed them more unanimously or heartily. And when ever our Actions shall contribute these our Dutiful and just Protestations, may this present Blessing rise up in Judgment against us.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Mayor, Magistrates, Militia-Officers, Freeman, Freeholders, and other your Majesties Loyal Subjects of the Town and Burrough of Lynn Regis in the County of Dorset, being at their first general Meeting, since Your Majesties most Gracious Declaration.

May it please Your most Sacred Majesty,

AFTER the numerous Addresses which from all parts of this Your Majesties Kingdom, have for a long time crowded your Royal Court, as if your People had a mind to strive who should out-go each other in Expressions of Loyalty. We who are no less Your Majesties Loyal Subjects, could no longer hold from expressing ours, and following such brave and generous Examples; Now return Your Majesty humble and hearty Thanks for Your Majesties late Gracious Declaration, wherein Your Majesty hath been Graciously pleased to renew to all your Loyal Subjects, your fixed and settled Resolutions, of preserving their Liberties and Properties, and established Religion, which we have no reason to doubt of, having had so long Experience of it, ever since Your most happy Restoration; and we here assure Your Majesty in the sincerity of our Hearts, That we utterly abhor all such Seditious Principles and Practices as tend in the least to the Subversion or Alteration of this most Excellently constituted Government in Church and State; which under Your Majesty we now enjoy; and that we will use our utmost Endeavours, when ever Your Majesty shall be pleased to call a Parliament, to make choice of such worthy Members, as are of known Loyalty, Integrity, and Affection to the Established Government; and that none shall be more ready with their Lives and Fortunes, to Defend and Preserve Your Majesties Royal Person and Prerogatives, Heirs, and lawful Successors, and the Protestant Religion, as now by Law established, than we whose Names are hereunto Subscribed, and Common Seal of this Corporation, affixed this First day of November, One thousand six hundred eighty one, in the Three and thirtieth year of Your Majesties Reign, which we pray long may continue.

To the Kings most excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesses, and Inhabitants of Your Majesties Town of Kingston upon Hull.

May it please Your Sacred Majesty,

WE acknowledge it our Duty to have been with the first Addressers, in asserting our Loyalty to Your Majesty, and our Adherence to the present Government in Church and State, thereby to continue this Place in the repute of Love and Loyalty to so Gracious a Prince; the Humour of this Address was not occasioned by any backwardness in the present Subscribers, being thoroughly fixed in their Loyalty: and who now and at all times shall cheerfully own and profess Your most Princely Care of us, in securing to us the Religion established, and Governing us by the known Laws of the Land.

We most humbly beseech Your Majesty to accept of our zealous Assurance, that we do, and shall always pray for Your Majesties long Life and happy Reign over us; and that we will assist Your Majesty with our Lives and Fortunes against all Diffusers of the Peace, and Opposers of the Legal Succession.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Master, Wardens, and Assistants, and Commonalty of the Corporation of Clothiers, of Your Majesties Loyal City of Worcester.

THAT being highly sensible of the wonderful hand of Providence which in the year of our Lord One thousand six hundred fifty and one, which so miraculously preserved Your Sacred Person at this Place, from the Power and Malice of Your Enemies; and retaining fresh in our Memories, the Calamities that the late Civil Wars did introduce and bring upon us, in the miserable effects thereof to all Your Majesties Loyal Subjects, as the Burnings, Plunder, and Devastation in this City can abundantly testify; all which were totally extinguished by Your Majesties most happy Restoration; by which, and whose happy Reign, we have enjoyed the Blessings of Peace and Plenty, the free Exercise of the Protestant Religion, by Law established; the Protection of our selves from Arbitrary Power, and the free Current of the Laws: and in a more particular manner, That Your Majesty was graciously pleased to give Your Royal Assent to a late Act for the better support of this Antient Staple Trade of the Kingdom in this Corporation, and the Countenance Your Majesty hath given to the *Turkey Company*; whereby Your Addressers are greatly encouraged, which may well require of us a continued Thankfulness to the Almighty, who is King of Kings; and to Your Majesty, whom he hath been pleased to make the happy Instrument of conveying of all the Blessings unto us; the consideration of which, and more especially of Your Majesties most Gracious Declaration, so happily published to the satisfaction of Your Subjects, by which Your Majesty out of Your Paternal Care over us, hath assured us, of the continuance of this Your happy Government in Church and State; which is enough by Gods Blessing, to make this Nation flourish, and all your People happy; as in Justice it obligeth us, so with all sincerity

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of Loyalty, we do in all Humility return Your Majesty, not only the Thankfulness of our Hearts, but the Obedience of our Lives; and hope we shall so faithfully discharge our Duty herein, as that Your Majesty shall never have cause to distrust us in the same; and do assure Your Majesty we shall still be ready with our Lives and Fortunes, to Assist and Defend Your Sacred Person, the Legal Succession of the Crown, the preservation of our Religion, as by Law established; the suppression of Popery and Fanaticism; and the preservation of our just Rights and Privileges: In the doing whereof, we doubt not of the continuance of Gods Blessing upon us and all Your good Subjects, the true and hearty Lovers of the English Monarchy and Hierarchy; all which we humbly Attend under our Common Seal, and by Subscribing our Names in our Common Hall, faithfully promising to live, and die

*Your Majesties most Faithful, Loyal,
and Obedient Subjects.*

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Common Council, Inhabitants, and Burgeses of the Burrough of Stafford, agreed upon at the Guild-Hall there, the 24th day of October, in the Thirtieth year of Your Majesties Reign, Anno Dom. 1681.

May it please Your most Sacred Majesty,

V Your Majesties most Loyal and Dutiful Subject, duly considering the Power of Calling and Dissolving Parliaments, is a Branch of Your Royal Prerogative; do with most Obedient and cheerful Thanks, acknowledge your late Gracious Declaration of the Reasons for the Dissolving the two last Parliaments, whereby the Minds of Your Majesties Subjects are, or may be quieted, which lay under amazement, by the frequency of false and seditious News, and Pamphlets; And we are by the same Declaration, firmly satisfied of your Majesties Pious and unalterable Resolutions to defend and maintain the true Protestant Religion, as now by Law established against all Popish, Arbitrary, and Illegal Innovations; That we shall be secured by your Majesties Princely Conduct of Affairs, from the dire Effects of Civil War, and that we shall not want encouragement to oppose and suppress all Illegal and Schismatical proceedings, under pretence of Religion, or any bold appearances to diminish your most Sacred Majesties Person or Regality; For all which your Majesties most Gracious assurances, we do with all Loyalty and Duty, offer and engage our Selves and what we have, as sincere Pledges of our readiness and reality to stand for, and stand by Your Majesty, in defence of the true Protestant Religion, Your Sacred Person, Prerogative, and established Government, and Your lawful Heirs and Successors; all which we value above our Lives, Liberties, and Properties (to which we were happily restored by your Majesties miraculous Restauration) well knowing, that none of all these can be secure, if your Majesty or Monarchy ever suffer violation; To which we humbly add the Subscription of our Names, and the Seal of the said Burrough.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Town and Burrough of Cirencester, in the County of Gloucester.

Dead Sovereign.

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, Inhabitants of the Town and Burrough of Cirencester, being encouraged by Your Majesties most Gracious Acceptance of the many Addresses already Presented to Your Majesty from other parts of this Your Kingdom of England, have at length taken the confidence of approaching Your Royal Presence, with a Devotion next to that we pay unto the King of Kings; Prostrating our Selves as the feet of Your Sacred Majesty, where we unfeignedly, and with all Thankfulness to Almighty God, acknowledge the happiness we have enjoyed under Your Majesties most just, Wise, Benigne, and Gracious Government over us, from the time of your miraculous Restauration, even to this day: And we declare this our entire Affection to Your Majesties Person and Government, to be of as much antiquity, as that Your Majesties late most Gracious Declaration: We are glad indeed and rejoice that this hath proved so effectual to remove the unreasonable fears and jealousies of many, misinformed by the seditious Lemnagogues amongst us; and most thankfully acknowledge Your Majesties great Condescension therein: But for our Selves we humbly beg leave to say this Truth, That we need it not; being abundantly satisfied of Your Majesties Justice and Goodness by a more demonstrative Declaration given us in the constant tenor of Your Actions and Government over us. This hath long since spoken loud enough to all the Inhabitants of this our Island; That our happiness is not to be paralleled in any of our neighbour Nations. We profess our Selves amazed at the unaccountable Discontents and ingratitude of those among us that have found pretences of complaining in the midst of the most definable circumstances, and cannot but judge their Sin and Guilt far greater than that of the old Murmurers among the Israelites, whom God destroyed; for these murmured in the Wilderness; but ours murmured in the Land of Canaan. Great and Gracious SIR, we are sensible that in you we enjoy the best of Kings, and shall endeavour to the utmost of our Power, to approve our Selves the best of Subjects, by a cheerful performance of all that Duty which we owe Your Majesty by the Laws of God and this Realm; and by an Obedience not extorted by fear, or the mere impulse of Conscience, but flowing from Love and Delight. And we most sincerely and affectionately offer to Your Majesty, our Persons and Purse, our Lives and Fortunes, with whatever Interest we have, or are able to make, to Defend Your Sacred Person; to maintain the Succession of Your Crown in its due and legal Descent; and to assert Your Royal Prerogative (with which our own just Rights and Liberties, have an inseparable Connection) against all Inroachments, whether Papal or Popular; and all Antimonarchical Designs, and Attempts whatsoever.

That Almighty God would Graciously please to bless your Majesty with the continuance of a wise Council that may be able to countermine and defeat all the subtle and restless Machinations of your Majesties and our Enemies; and Grant you a long and prosperous Reign, under which the truly Antient and Catholick Faith, professed in the Church of England,

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may therein. And in order hereunto, That Your Majesties most Gracious Inclinations may in due time meet with a Temperate, sober, Religious, and Loyal House of Commons, that may throughout all their Considerations, Conscientiously mind the solemn Oath that everlastingly take at the very entrance of them, according to their Powers, Office and Duty, as Justifications, Privileges, Preeminences, and Authorities, Granted or belonging to the King's Highness, His Heirs and Successors, or unless and unneceary to the Imperial Crown of this Realm: That may carefully than the Footsteps of that fatal Assembly in 40, and the unwarrantable Proceedings, (to wit the more gentle Expression of Your Sacred Majesty) of the other two in the ominous period of the succeeding 40; threatening little less danger to us, if Your Majesties Wisdom had not seasonably interposed; that may before it be too late, with all thankful Submission, accept the Gracious offers on Your Majesties part, for the securing of the Establishing Religion, and the Liberty and Property of the Subject, without presuming farther to pass that, which your Majesty hath so often Declared (and your Majesties Supreme Council and Court in this, together with an entire Parliament of our Sister Nation have expressed to be their Sense also) cannot in Honour, Conscience, or Safety, be Granted; that may readily, according to their bounden Duty, assist your Majesty with such Supplies as are requisite to support the Reputation of the Government, and to invite and strengthen those Alliances which have been so long desired, and so often frustrated, chiefly by the unreasonable disturbances of some who have yet pretended most to desire them. And finally, that may be Makers of none, but effectual Repairers of all our Breaches, is the hearty Prayer of

Your Majesties most Devoted Subjects.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Master, Governors, and Assistants of the Scots Corporation of Your Majesties Royal Foundation within Your Cities of London and Westminster, Agreed upon and Signed at their Corporation-Hall on St Andrews day; 1881, at the Election of the Officers of the said Corporation for the year ensuing.

May it please Your Sacred Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, being highly sensible of that double Obligation of Gratitude to Your Majesty that lies upon us, for those many Blessings, which we and our Relations for many Ages have enjoyed, under the benigne influences of your happy Government, and that of your Royal Predecessors, both in this and our own native Country, and for those continued Instances of unparallel'd Goodness and Clemency, which in the whole course of Your auspicious Reign, hath been Graciously extended by Your Majesty, even to the most undutiful and ingrate of Your Subjects, cannot (how insignificant soever we may be in our Number and Interest) but beg leave to return our most humble and hearty Thanks to Your Majesty for the same; and for those extraordinary Condescensions in Your Majesties late most Gracious Declaration, which hath afforded so much Joy to all Your Majesties Loyal Subjects.

SIR, For those Privileges, Immunities and Benefits too Granted, by your Majesties two most Gracious Patents, since Your Majesties most happy Restauration

to Your Kingdoms, and of ours to our Rights and Privileges in this Your Kingdom, we renew our most humble and unfeigned Thanks.

Is an humble and due sense of all which, if there were any thing more dear to us, in this World, than our Lives and Fortunes, that should, as these shall ever intirely be, at your disposal, for the Defence of Your Royal and Sacred Person, Your Lawful Heirs and Royal Successors; and the Protestant Religion, as now by Law established.

That God Almighty may Bless your Majesty with a long and prosperous Reign in this world, and a Crown of Glory in that to come; and may defeat the wicked Designs of all Men, (of whatsoever Nation or Persuasion) who endeavour to render your Government unequal to your Majesty, or deprive any of Your Royal Successors, of any of their respective Rights, in their due course of Succession, is, and shall ever be the hearty Prayers of

Dear Sovereign,

Your Sacred Majesties most Loyal, most Dutiful, and ever Obedient Subjects and Servants.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the High Steward, Mayor, Jurats, Under Steward, and chief Inhabitants of Your Poor, but very Loyal Towns of Gravesend and Milton in Tow County of Kent.

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Obedient Subjects, the High Steward, Mayor, Jurats, Under-Steward, and chief Inhabitants of Your Poor, but very Loyal Towns of *Gravesend* and *Milton* in your County of *Kent*, whose Names are here Subscribed, Taking into our Considerations, Your Majesties late most Gracious Declaration to all Your Loving Subjects, Wherein You have been pleased (though no ways obliged thereunto) to Declare Your Resolution to have frequent Parliaments, and both in and out of Parliament to use Your utmost endeavour to extirpate Popery, to redress all Grievances of your good Subjects, and in all things to Govern according to the Laws of the Kingdom. In a deep and grateful Sense of all which most Gracious Expressions, As we conceive all Dutiful Subjects ought to acquiesce, and be fully satisfied; So we (though one of your poorest Corporations, yet as perfectly Loyal as any) having been prevented by so many Dutiful Addresses of Thanks to Your Majesty from other parts of your Kingdom, desire as timely as we may to express our most zealous Acknowledgments of your Majesties great Goodness and Clemency therein manifested; being most confident of Your Majesties most real intentions to perform the same: And that (according to your Gracious Declaration, to make the known Laws of the Land established, to be the Rule of Government, to your self and others) your Judges and Ministers of Justice, shall on all occasions receive all fitting encouragements from your Majesty, to put all penal Laws in execution, according to their Oaths and Duties; not only against all Popish Recusants, but all Protestant Dissenters also impartially; Which your Majesty hath Declared to be both in Prudence and Experience, the best support of the true Protestant Interest, and of the Peace of the Kingdom.

And we most Humbly beseech your Majesty, to accept of our hearty and unfeigned Purposes according to our

our Duties, with our Lives and Fortunes, to adhere to your Majesty, in the Defence of Your Sacred Person, and the just Rights and Privileges of Your Majesty, and your lawful Heirs and Successors; and of the true Protestant Religion, as it is now established by Law, against all Persons, Parties, and Interests whatsoever.

At the General Sessions of the Peace of Oyer and Terminer, and Goal-delivery, holden for the said Island of Barbadoes, on Tuesday the 16th day of August, 1681, and there continued by several Adjournments to the 17th day of the same Month, before his Excellency Sir Richard Dutton, Kt. Captain-General, and Chief Governor of the said, and other the Caribbee-Islands, the Honourable His Majesties Council of the said Island, the Judges and Justices of the Peace for the same.

We the Grand Jury, Summoned, Imparrelled, and Sworn for this present Sessions of the Peace of Oyer and Terminer, and General Goal-delivery, holden for the Body of the Island aforesaid, do humbly beseech that your Excellency will be pleased in the behalf of us, and the rest of the Inhabitants of the said Island, to present to His most Sacred Majesty, the Humble Address hereunto annexed.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

VVE Your Majesties Trusty, Loyal, most Faithful, and Obedient Subjects; most Humbly and Thankfully acknowledge the great Benefits and Immunities, we among other Your Majesties Subjects have enjoyed, by the Gracious Concessions of your Majesty, ever since your Majesties happy and miraculous Restauration, whereby we have cause to bless God, that we enjoy, not only the best of Princes, but also our Religion, Laws, Liberties and Properties, and all that ought to be most dear to good Christians and Loyal Subjects; nor have we less cause to bless God, and and humbly thank your Majesty for your Majesties most Gracious and Gentle Government.

We conceive it our Duty to manifest to your Majesty, and all the World, our just value, and grateful apprehensions of the happiness we enjoy under your most upright Government; and however some ill Men, to accomplish their black Designs, by attempting to Subvert the Government, slyly insinuate to the credulous People causeless Fears, and false Jealousies of Arbitrary Power growing upon us; yet the publick Manifestations your Majesty hath at all times given to your People, of your Governing by your Laws, keeps us as safe from such mean Apprehensions as we are secure from the dismal effects of such a way of Government, which we have no cause to suspect, unless it be from those that suggest it; nor from them neither, till they have subverted a well tempered Monarchy, and introduced their beloved Tyrannical Republick. We cannot but with all humble Duty, Loyal Gratitude, and excess of Joy, observe your Majesties constant Endeavours to give satisfaction and ease to the minds of your Majesties Subjects, not only in your strict Adherence to, and Favour of the true Protestant Religion, but more especially in your late Declaration, which cannot but stop the Mouths of the Seditious and Factions, preserve from Apostacy the doubtful, and confirm the Loyalty of your best settled Subjects, and that Your Majesty may see that we are not person'd, or likely to be so, by any Seditious or Factionous Designers, We do unanimously and heartily assure Your Sacred Majesty, that we will stand by your Ma-

jesty in the preservation of your Person, your Heirs and lawful Successors, and the Government in Church and State, as is now by Law established, with the last drops of our Blood, and penny of our Fortunes; We humbly beg your Sacred Majesty to give a Gracious acceptance to these steady Resolutions of us your most Obedient and Loyal Subjects; which no Time, no Treachery, no Power, no Fraud or Faction shall ever make us decline or alter; And we do humbly pray for the continuance of your Majesties long and happy Reign over us.

Your Majesties most

Humble, Loyal, and Obedient

Subjects and Servants.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Mayor, Barons, and other the Inhabitants of the Burrough of Cose-Castl.

THough (through an unreasonable Modesty) our Address comes late, yet we humbly pray your Majesty, not to suspect us the less Loyal; for as we have not from the Beginning, been without due Sentiments of your Majesties great condescension in your most Gracious Declaration: so have we always concluded it our Duty, humbly to offer our profoundest Thanks; your Majesties great and seasonable Care of your well established Government in Church and State, and continuance of the Succession in the Royal Line, We with all sincerity acknowledge, deserve the just Tribute of our Lives and Fortunes, which we will at all times be ready to lay at your Majesties Feet, against all Opposers (Popish and Phenatick) of this your most Excellent Government; And as an Evidence of our Integrity herein, as often as your Majesty in your most Princely Wisdom, shall think fit to call Parliaments, we will endeavour with our utmost vigor, to send such Representatives as shall be of Principles agreeable.

The Humble Address of your Majesties Loyal Subjects, the Bayliff, Recorder, Capital Burgeffes, and other Inhabitants of the Burrough of Tamworth, within your Majesties Counties of Warwick and Stafford.

May it please Your Majesty,

KNowing that Obedience was better than Sacrifice, and that an humble Submission to your Majesties Laws and Commands, was the best Evidence of being satisfied with them. We contented our selves with that silent acquiescence in them; But since, not only our neighbouring Counties and Cities, but the whole Nation in this Conjunction have presented their humble Addresses to Your Majesty, We could not, without being wanting to our Duty to your Majesty, and to our own Loyal hearts, longer forbear joining in so necessary and justifiable a Service; and therefore with sincere and hearty Affections present to your Majesty our humble acknowledgments for the many Gracious Assurances given your Subjects in your late Princely Declaration; and since some unhappy transactions have made it reasonable to Declare our Thoughts and Resolutions; We do most humbly assure your Majesty, That we will readily sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes in the preservation of Your Sacred Person, in maintaining the Descent of the Crown according

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according to Law and Justice, and the securing the present Government in Church and State, against all Plots and Contrivances of Blood thirsty Papists, and unquiet Factious Men; adding our Prayers to God, That in Mercy to us, he will Bless Your Majesty with a long and prosperous Reign; And that the Imperial Crown of this Realm may not cease to flourish in your Royal Family, till time shall be no more.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of Your Majesties most Loyal, and Dutiful Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burghermasters of Your Majesties ancient Burrough of Westbury, in the County of Wilts.

Dread Sovereign,

WE Your Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects, being very sensible what Happiness we enjoy under a most Gracious Prince; Do return our most humble and unfeigned Thanks, for Your Majesties most Gracious Declaration; wherein Your Majesty (though no way obliged to give an Account to any upon Earth, of Your Proceedings in the management of Your Government) hath been most Graciously pleased to condescend to acquaint Your Subjects with those most Weighty, Wise, and Just Reasons that moved You to Dissolve the two last Parliaments. And to assure us by Your Royal Word, that You will use Your utmost Endeavour to support the Protestant Religion, as it is now Established; and in all things to Govern according to the Laws of this Your Kingdom; and thereby we trust to be secured from the Arbitrary Proceedings of our fellow Subjects. And in Testimony of our unfeigned Thankfulness, we do hereby faithfully promise, and firmly engage, That we will constantly adhere to your Majesties Person and Royal Successors (in their due and legal course of Descent) to the utmost hazard of our Lives and Fortunes. And whenever Your Majesty shall think fit to call a Parliament, we will sincerely endeavour to elect such Representatives for this Burrough, as are well affected to the Government, both in Church and State, as it is now by Law established. We humbly beg Your Majesties Acceptance of this our unfeigned Address, and firm Resolutions: And may the greatest Blessings of Heaven ever attend Your Sacred Person, is the hearty

Prayer of Your Majesties most Obedient, Faithful and Dutiful Subjects.

*Dated September 27. in the 33 year
of Your Majesties Reign.*

*The Humble Address of the Gentlemen under the Bar
of the Society of the Inner-Temple, in Parlia-
ment Assembled, being the present Governors of
the said Society, according to the Fundamental Con-
stitutions thereof.*

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects, being duly sensible of the manifold Blessings which we enjoy in our Religion, Liberties and Estates, through Gods Providence, under Your most Gracious Government and Protection; And likewise in Your Majesties Princely assurances, of continuing this Your Royal Favour and Goodness towards us, do account our selves obliged by all the Bonds of Allegiance, Piety, Gratitude, and Justice, unanimously to lay our Persons, Lives and Fortunes, (without any reserve) at Your Majesties Feet, in the maintainance of the Protestant Religion, as it is by Law established, and in the Defence of Your Sacred Person, Crown and Dignity, the Rights of Your Majesties Imperial Family, and lawful Successors, against all Opposers, whether Schismatics, Papists, or under any other denominations whatsoever.

We do most humbly implore Your Majesties Gracious acceptance of this our late, but most dutiful Address, which hath been thus long retarded for want of opportunity of approving our Selves equally Loyal and Dutiful, with the very forwardest of Your Majesties Subjects; the Government of this Society being but very lately in the power of Your Majesties most Obedient Subjects, the Gentlemen under the Bar.

May God Almighty in his infinite Mercy and Goodness, Guide and Protect Your Majesty in all Dangers; give you victory over all Your Enemies; Crown your Sacred Head with the Blessings of both Worlds, and endue all Your Subjects with the Spirit of Resignation and Obedience.

These, Dread Sovereign, are our frequent Desires, testified by our unanimous Consent to this our most humble Address; and by our Comptroller's Subscribing the same, in behalf of himself, and the rest of us,

Your Majesties most Obedient and Loyal Subjects.

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